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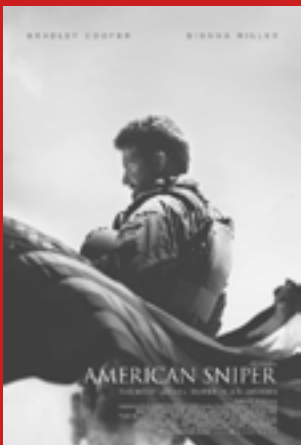
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Mansfield University selected to represent Pennsylvania in COPLAC



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COPLAC's 29 member institutions represent 27 States and one Canadian Province.

Mansfield University has been accepted for membership in the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC).

Mansfield University President Fran Hendricks was on hand to accept the invitation on behalf of the university at the annual COPLAC Business Meeting in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 23, 2015.

"The COPLAC Board voted unanimously to admit Mansfield University to its membership," COPLAC Director Bill Spellman said. "Board members commended Mansfield for its strong liberal arts core curriculum and its student-centered faculty. The COPLAC Bylaws limit membership to one campus per state. We are pleased to welcome Mansfield University as Pennsylvania's public liberal arts institution."

"It is an honor for Mansfield University to join this elite group

of institutions that share our vision of the importance of an affordable, liberal arts based education," Hendricks said. "We are proud to be selected as Pennsylvania's representative in COPLAC."

Mansfield University becomes COPLAC's 29th member institution; 28 in the United States and one in Canada.

Founded in 1987, COPLAC promotes awareness of the value of high-quality, public liberal arts education in a student-centered, residential environment.

"COPLAC membership aligns with our stated objective to be one of the premier, small public liberal arts college in Pennsylvania," Hendricks said. "Our membership offers expanded opportunities for our students, faculty and staff to participate in joint COPLAC research and projects with other COPLAC member schools."

Mansfield students and faculty had their first such experience in advance of Mansfield University's admission, when several students presented at the COPLAC Fall 2014 Regional Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Conference held at Keene State College, New Hampshire last November.

That invitation was extended after a team of COPLAC representatives visited the

Mansfield University campus as part of the admission process last September.


For more information on COPLAC, go to coplac.org

For more information on Mansfield University, go to mansfield.edu




Weekly Weather

Friday

 Cloudy


High:24 Low:5

Saturday

 Partly Cloudy


High:24 Low:15

Sunday

 Snow


High:35 Low:24

Monday

 Snow


High:24 Low:0

Tuesday

 Partly Cloudy


High:20 Low:6

Wednesday

 Mostly Cloudy

High:32 Low:22

Thursday

 Snow

High:33 Low:17

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Campus Bulletin Board

- Please remember to change your local address with Residence Life if you have moved off campus or changed your off campus address for the spring semester. This will ensure proper refund delivery. In addition, please review your home address and phone numbers on file on your my.mansfield account and make any necessary changes. Contact Student Services at 570-662-4411 if you have any questions.

- Mountie Ambassador training will be held from Friday, February 6, 2015 to Sunday, February 8, 2015. RSVP by Friday, January 30, 2015 at <http://go.activecalendar.com/Mansfield/event/admissions-mountie-ambassador-training/>

- Student Life welcomes nominations for the annual Mansfield University Leadership Celebration. To nominate a student, staff member or faculty, go to <http://www.mansfield.edu/student-affairs/student-life/2015-mu-leadership-celebration.cfm>. Nominations will be accepted until Wednesday, February 4, 2015 by 12:00 p.m.

- Pennsylvania Department of Health will be offering STD testing at the Mansfield University Campus Clinic, located in Spruce. First come, first served testing will be held on Friday, January 30, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. No appointments will be taken; walk-ins only. For questions or more information, contact the Clinic at 570-662-4350. The Campus Clinic entrance is located on the side of the Spruce building near the Spruce parking lot.

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -


-1/24/15- Mansfield University Police received a complaint regarding a person(s) in Sycamore Manor using a megaphone to yell obscenities and vulgarities out their window directed at passerbys. Police contacted occupants of a room on the second floor of Sycamore Manor and determined the disturbance was originating from Ryan Fahrenbach, 19, Zachary Fahrenbach, 20, and Mallory Johnson, 20. A judicial referral was submitted for all three persons in the room and a criminal citation for harassment was filed against Ryan Fahrenbach for his involvement.

-1/22/15- In Hickory around 7:30 p.m., a female victim reported that a known male subject had allegedly touched her inappropriately, without her consent, while she was riding in an elevator car at that location. An investigation continues.

-1/15/15- On the ground floor of Oak Manor between 2:45 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., a representative of the campus vending contractor reported that person(s) unknown had tampered with a vending machine. In addition to the tampering, it appears that products from the machine were then taken without having been paid for. An investigation continues.

-12/03/14- On third floor Oak Manor around 10:15 p.m., University Police responded to the report of suspected drug law violation. Upon further investigation contact was made with Robert Castellani, 20, and Candice Krazter, 21. Officers determined that both individuals were under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and the odor of marijuana was present as well. Both subjects are university students and have been referred to the campus judicial officer in relation to this incident.

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

-1/27/15- Asteroid's moon seen during Earth flyby

- The asteroid was its closest on Monday morning, but the best viewing was Monday night

- Asteroid 2004 BL86 passed within 750,000 miles of Earth

- NASA photos released Monday show small moon orbiting the asteroid

-1/27/15- Man opens fire on police during Minnesota city council meeting

- Two officers were shot

- The man dies when police fire back

-1/27/15- A Swedish town's dilemma: Move brick by brick or be swallowed by a mine

- Cracks have appeared in the streets of the Arctic city of Kiruna due to mining activity nearby

- A large part of the town will be moved to allow economically important mining to continue

- Some buildings will be taken down brick-by-brick and rebuilt at a new location

-1/27/15- Indonesian military stops search and recovery for remains of AirAsia QZ8501

- The military chief orders teams to pull out of the wreckage area

- "We are really disappointed," a family member of people on the flight says

- Indonesia's search and rescue agency will continue looking for bodies

-1/27/15- Russian spies used tickets and hats to try to hide New York activities, FBI says

- The men discussed meeting to swap things like tickets, books and hats

- But they were actually exchanging intelligence information, the FBI says

- One man has been arrested, two others are no longer in the U.S., authorities say

PASSHE approves new Master of Science degree in Nutrition

The Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) approved a new online Master of Science (MS) degree in Nutrition at Mansfield University on January 22, 2015.

The new program will begin admitting students in fall 2015 and will teach students to apply current strategies and practices in entrepreneurial nutrition to solve problems and address issues in the profession. The online availability gears the program toward working professionals.

"We appreciate the Board of Governors' support and confidence in this new program," Mansfield University President Fran Hendricks said. "This program answers a need in the Nutrition field and will expand career opportunities for our students."

The program aligns with PASSHE's stated desire to ensure academic program excellence and relevance, as well as enabling more students to obtain credentials that prepare them for life, career, and the responsibilities

of citizenship. It also aligns with Mansfield University's liberal arts focus.

Students will be able to complete the program in two years by taking two courses per semester or in four years by taking one course per semester, including summers. Courses within the program will advance students' nutrition knowledge, improve their ability to effectively lead nutrition programs, and enhance their ability to interpret and conduct nutrition research. A capstone project or thesis will contribute to professional practice as a nutritionist.

The growing complexity of the field will soon require education beyond a bachelor's degree, Linda Eck Mills, a registered dietitian and charter fellow of the American Dietetic Association, told the Board in supporting the new program.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth outlook for 2012-2020 is faster than average. Job growth will result from an increasing emphasis on

disease prevention through improved dietary habits. A growing and aging population will boost demand for nutritional counseling and treatment in hospitals, residential care facilities, schools, prisons, community health programs and home health care agencies. Currently credentialed Registered Dietitians can use their MS in Nutrition coursework to meet their continuing education requirements.

Because of its online nature, the new program meets the needs of professionals in rural areas of the Commonwealth. The program will be housed in the Department of Health Sciences. Health Sciences faculty members have the expertise to implement and sustain this program because they were among the first on campus and within PASSHE to teach online. The program builds upon and leverages the existing success of an undergraduate Nutrition Program that has more than doubled size since 2006.

In December 2014, Professor Kathy

Wright, Nutrition Program director, received a Highmark Healthcare Academic Program Development Grant for almost \$15,000 to offset technology startup costs for web conferencing, equipment to improve quality of videos produced by faculty and students, and training videos to assist working professionals in preparing for online learning.

Hendricks praised the efforts of Wright in guiding the new MS degree program through the approval process.

"This new program is another example of Mansfield University's mission to serve our area and the entire Commonwealth," Hendricks said. "I commend Dr. Wright and her colleagues for bringing it to fruition."

For more information on the new MS in Nutrition program, go to admissions.mansfield.edu, call (800) 577-6826 or email admissions@mansfield.edu

Santa's Gift Bag brings Christmas cheer to 137 children.

By **LORI ENGLE**
News Editor

Santa's Gift bag brings Christmas cheer to 137 children from the Mansfield community.

Due to the support of the community and sponsors, Santa's Gift Bag was able to send gifts to 137 children from 53 families. These children were either students at Mansfield High, Miller Elementary, New Covenant Academy, a member of an area day care center or a sibling of one of the above. The children ranged from infants to eighteen years of age.

Sponsors came from both the university and the community. There were 2 residence halls, 13 student organizations, 20 individual students, and 4 sports teams. There were at least 300 students that participated this year.

Along with students, faculty also helped sponsor children. 35 individual faculty and staff helped. Many of the staff picked up two or more children. 3 Departments helped sponsor children as well. There were about 70 faculty and staff that participated this year.

President Hendricks and his Administrative Cabinet transported gifts to the fire hall. Mansfield Chapter of Kiwanis assisted by also transporting gifts to the fire hall. They also worked with Mansfield University Student Life to pack children's bags.

Monetary donations were also received from Cynthia Keller, Tammy Felondis, Terry Day, North Hall Employees which was

organized by Jamey Harris, and the Mansfield University Men's and Woman's basketball game attendees which was organized by Steve McCloskey.

Indigo Wireless in Wellsboro, Holy Child Catholic Church, Northwest Savings Bank, and Wal-Mart also helped sponsor children and/or gave monetary donations.

Courtney Hull, Santa's Gift Bag Coordinator and Campus Minister at Mansfield University, would like to send out a special thanks to everyone who helped.

A special thanks to North Penn-Mansfield High School, Warren L. Miller Elementary School, New Covenant Academy, and the area day cares for helping get letters out to the families and also helping collect letters. A special thanks to Colleen Devine and everyone at the Mansfield University Post Office for wrapping paper and gift supplies, community churches who made and filled stockings for each child which was organized by Carol Wooley, Partners in Progress who provided hats and gloves for each child which was organized by Irene Morgan and Mary Aumick. A special thanks to the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Association for allowing Santa's Gift Bag to use the fire hall. A special thanks to Joe and Maryann Maresco for their support year after year, Deborah Casey for the donations, and Allison Fehlinger for helping to organize the efforts of Santa's Gift Bag.

Want to build your resume and have a love for writing? Join the Flashlight! Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Intervals Exhibit to appear at Mansfield University Gallery

"Intervals," an exhibit by Nicholas Economos, will be on display at the Mansfield University Loomis Gallery beginning Monday, January 26, 2015. The exhibit will run through Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Economos, an assistant professor of Art at Mansfield, is an artist and educator from Big Flats, New York. His art practice includes work in interactive media, sound, video, animation and prints.

In addition to his art practice, he has contributed as a writer to Net Art Review, The Squealer and Aspect Magazine. He was a site editor for Rhizome.org at The New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York City for six years, editing content for the web site and the Rhizome Rare email list earning the title of editor emeritus.

Economos' awards include an Individual Artist Project Grant in Film, Media and New Technology Production from the New York State Council on the Arts, The Individual Award for Excellence in New Media Art

from the Ohio Council for the Arts, and the Newcomer Award at the Darklight Film and Video Festival in Dublin.

To see learn more about Economos and his work, go to wallcloud.com

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

The Loomis Gallery is located in Allen Hall, 135 Stadium Drive. It is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

For more information on the gallery, go to mansfield.edu/art/gallery

The exhibit is sponsored by Mansfield University Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee, which is funded by Mansfield University College Community Services Inc. (CCSI), the Mansfield University Foundation and is supported by student activity fees.

SGA moves to impeach SGA Secretary Brett Helmus; New Budget Process to Begin in Febuary

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) moved to impeach Brett Helmus and relieve him of duties as SGA Secretary. The motion was first passed at the last meeting of the fall semester.

There were eight original allegations made for the impeachment. After the investigation done by the Administration Committee of SGA, the allegations were narrowed down to two: first being Mr. Helmus and his office hours, the second being the duty of the filing cabinet.

The Administration Committee of SGA found Mr. Helmus not guilty of the allegations, but SGA still had to take a vote of impeachment. The vote did not pass, and Mr. Helmus retains his position as Student Government Association Secretary.

SGA is starting a new budgeting process the process will start with three meetings that and executive board member has to attend at least one. The meetings will be held in North Manser on Sunday, Feb. 1, at 5:00pm, Monday, Feb. 2, at 4:00pm, and Thursday, Feb. 5, at 11:30am.

The meetings will go over the process of submitting a budget to SGA. If a member of an organization does not attend the meetings then the organization will not be funded next semes-

ter. Budgets from organizations will have to be submitted by Tuesday, Feb. 24 by midnight.

Austin Zimmerman SGA Parliamentarian resigned effective immediately on Tuesday. Austin's successor is Joe Turner with a unanimous vote from the SGA senate.

Brett Helmus SGA Secretary moved to earmark \$20,000 to paint a mural on the wall next to Manser Dining Hall. The expenses will be \$7,000 for materials and \$13,000 for the painter to come lead the mural.

The motion was passed and SGA is now waiting for Mansfield University and Facilities to give the approval.

The SGA allocated account balance stands at \$38,000 and the unallocated account is \$130,000. Money needs to be transferred from the unallocated to the allocated in the amount of \$12,000 for the Mansfield University Health Initiative Program. The CoF capital account balance is \$250,000.

SGA's website has changed through the addition of a link to the active recognition form for organizations to fill out. This form is required for organizations' SGA recognition and funding.

Also, the organizations to be funded pages were updated to the current status. Another change is the email for the e-sign outside of Alumni Hall Student Center – now students/ organizations can send in an email to have their information on the e-sign.

Allegations for the impeachment of Brett Helmus SGA's Secretary

1. Mr. Helmus's failure to complete the tasks defined within the SGA bylaws Article 1 Section 3 subsection E which concern the duties and responsibilities of the position of SGA Secretary.
2. Mr. Helmus has not been present in the office during his scheduled office hours on a consistent basis throughout the whole semester.
3. Mr. Helmus has failed to distribute minutes within a timely manner on a consistent basis.
4. Mr. Helmus has not distributed a copy of emails and phone numbers of senate and executive board members.

5. The official filing cabinet in the SGA Office with all the files regarding recognized clubs has not been updated, even though active recognition forms were due at the end of September.
6. Mr. Helmus has failed to show up to multiple Beautification committee meetings, and has also failed to notify the members of the committee that he would not be present. It should be noted that he himself is the chairperson of this committee.
7. The official SGA email account has been completely neglected by Mr. Helmus.
8. His communication with faculty and professors has showed a lack of professionalism that reflects poorly on the organization as a whole.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
30 -9:00 PM - Friday Night Movies at The Hut	31 -3:00 PM - Enaw Elonge and Scott Chamberlain, Junior Voice and Bassoon Recital	1	2 -8:00 PM - Monday Recreation Game Night at The Hut	3 -8:00 PM - Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	4 -8:00 PM - Weekly Open Mic Night at The Hut	5 -7:30 PM - Rogue Chimp, ASTA Guest Artist -8:00 PM - Weekly Live Entertainment Night at The Hut
6 -5:00 PM - Admissions Mountie Ambassador Training -9:00 PM - Friday Night Movies at The Hut	7 -5:00 PM - Admissions Mountie Ambassador Training	8	9 -8:00 PM - Monday Recreation Game Night at The Hut	10 -8:00 PM - Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	11 -11:00 AM - Chillin with the Canines -8:00 PM - Weekly Open Mic Night at The Hut	12 -8:00 PM - Weekly Live Entertainment Night at The Hut

Mansfield Auxiliary Corp adds to Housing Fund

The Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation (MAC) has contributed \$285,000 to the Housing Incentive Fund it established at Mansfield University in 2012.

David Cummings, MAC Board president, said this new contribution raise the amount donated to the fund to benefit current students and help attract new students to Mansfield University to more than \$700,000.

“We are thrilled to be able to continue to provide assistance and support to Mansfield University students in need,” Cummings said. “Our goal from the beginning was to attract students to Mansfield with the new residences halls. This fund allows us to help retain those students as well. In turn, some of these future graduates may remain in the area or return to continue the tradition of volunteerism and leadership.”

Cummings pointed out that all contributions to the Housing Incentive Fund have no administrative costs, allowing more money to go directly to the students in need.

“MAC has been a tremendous partner in our efforts to move Mansfield University forward,” Mansfield University President Fran Hendricks said. “MAC members donated thousands of hours of their own time to make our new residence halls a reality. They

continue to support our university through the MAC Housing Incentive Fund and in so many other ways. I sincerely thank them for their generous contributions to our university and our community.”

MAC Board members are Cummings, president; Al Quimby, vice president; Brian Barden, treasurer and Bruce Dart, secretary. Hendricks and Chuck Colby, associate vice president of Residence Life, serve as ex-officio members.

MAC was formed in 2009 as a Pennsylvania Nonprofit, IRS 501(c)(3) charitable corporation consisting of volunteers from the community to assist Mansfield University in the construction of replacement student housing on the Mansfield University Campus. Its mission is to “promote the interests of Mansfield University ... by engaging in the construction, operation, management and maintenance of student housing facilities or other projects for the benefit of the students of the University.”

Under the MAC Board’s leadership and guidance, four new residence halls; Oak, Hickory Halls, Spruce and Sycamore Halls have opened at Mansfield University in the past three years.

CHILLIN WITH THE CANINES



February 11th
11 AM - 1 PM
307 Alumni Hall



New this year...
Flirtin’ with the Felines

Be sure to join us for Chillin’ with the Canines
on February 11th from
11AM - 1 PM
This is a great opportunity to shake off those
winter blues and enjoy some canine/feline lovin!!

Kelchner Fitness Center (Classes, Hours, Intramural Sports)

Monday: PiYo:12:05-12:45 p.m. Insanity: 4 p.m. Zumba: 5 p.m. Pound: 6 p.m.	Tuesday Zumba: 12:05-12:45 Power HIIT: 5 p.m. Zumba: 6 p.m.	Wednesday: Kettlebell Pound: 4 p.m. Zumba: 5 p.m. All Levels Yoga: 6:15 p.m.	Thursday Zumba: 12:05-12:45 p.m. Zumba Toning: 3:45-4:30 p.m. Zumba: 6 p.m.
Intramural Sports: All sports begin at 6 p.m.		Register your team online at www.IMleagues.com	
Co-ed Volleyball- Monday		Co-ed Soccer- Tuesday	
Gym Hours: Monday-Friday 6 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun: 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.		Floor Hockey- Wednesday	
		Basketball-Thursday	
		Climbing Wall Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 4p.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday- Closed	

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Religion and Why the world needs to leave it in the past

By Dean Lee
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Religion is a topic that people have been fighting about for years, but the time has come to stop the fighting and end religion as it is.

Don't get me wrong I think that religion is good, if you're a child!

For instance lets compare "God" and Santa Claus. Both are fictional characters that were made to keep someone in line.

Santa was made to keep little children in line so that they wont act out and misbehave, while "God" was made to keep adults in line due to fear.

Santa may help a parent in keeping a child in line, but religion does its best to keep adults in line.

A good example is that most religions stress not to kill anyone, but there were many wars started because of religion.

Studies conducted have shown that in some high religious states that there is more violence and crime, while in other non-religious states there is less evidence of crime.

Other studies conducted that there is no correlation between religious affiliation and crime.

It is hard to say that there is a specific correlation between religious preferences and crime.

There are many positive things that come from religion, but there are negatives that come as well.

Some of the pro's contain but are not limited to: takes care of its

members, do positive things in the community, sense of community, life changing teaching set of morals.

Some of the cons include but are not limited to: bureaucracy, can be extremely harsh in terms of judging one another, can promote extreme behavior in members, charismatic leaders can twist the teachings to give them power.

Even though religion can be used for good it is also an evil that is growing, starting at a young age. It brainwashes our children to conforming to the belief, and living in a world of fantasy.

Religion needs to come to a stop in this new world that we are creating for ourselves.

If we as a world want to live in peace we need to end this nonsense.

We as a species need to take religion and put in the past a Mythology, just like the Greek religion and Norse Religion.

Both the Greek and Norse religions were beliefs that the people of the time followed, so why can't "the new world" put this religion behind us and move on, in a more secular view.

In my eyes religion is really nothing more than crime. Organized crime cannot make any money if it is in a chaotic state, and so can't religion. With a hierarchy a religious faction is just as bad as crime with one leader.

The worse part about it is that the crime is hiding in plain sight.

My numbers may be a little off, but from what I have read

in a few places that 85% of the churches income goes to building costs, and administration costs.

Only a mere 3% of their budget goes towards children's and youth programs, and 2% for adult programs. Local and national benevolence receives 1% of the typical church budget.

Now those numbers are outrageous for a non-profit organization. 85% of the money that it collects from its followers goes towards the building costs and the administration.

That sounds a lot like money wasted to me, and criminal in a sense.

But who am I to say what the cults do with their moneys.

Some estimates say that 1/3 of the new generation, the millennial, have no affiliation to religion. Meaning that they are either atheist, agnostic, or secular.

And no atheism is not a belief that nothing happened to nothing and then everything magically appeared.

Even though atheism may not believe in "God" they have rational thought about how the universe was created and how people were created.

Atheism is not clouded by the judgment of a church, and its brainwashing methods.

So let us take the stand to push this foolish religious nonsense into remission and throw it out for once and for all, for the better of the human race and its successors.

Letters to the Editor are welcome!

Submit your letter to The Flashlight at flashlit@mansfield.edu or stop by the office in Alumni Hall Student Center room 2M.

The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel's Tragic Life

By **Miranda Shuller**
Features Editor

Daisy

Every good story starts with 'once upon a time' and ends with happily ever after, right? Well that's not how mine began, and I don't know if that will be how it ends. When I was 15, I graduated high school and completed a 7 month culinary program at the community college. Last year my parents bought me a bakery and named it Daisy's Desserts. I successfully run it with my twin brother, Daniel. I was living a totally normal life until my parents died a week ago.

I was the one who found them. I walked inside the house that Friday night after the bakery had closed. The lights were out so I could only see my parents outlines and the shadows on the wall from the TV. My parents were watching some black and white, old-timey movie. They were sitting on the couch, facing away from the door so their backs were toward me. I walked into the kitchen and got an apple, like I always do and then waited for my parents to ask me how my day was.

I thought it was weird my parents did not acknowledge my entrance, so I walked toward them asking, "Did you guys fall asleep down here again?" There was no answer. I leaned over the back of the couch to hug them when my mom's head rolled off her shoulders and on to the floor. My father looked pale, like he was sick or maybe scared. I almost didn't notice there was an apple in his mouth. It reminded me of an inhumane pig roast I saw when I was a child. If I wasn't a vegetarian before, I definitely am now.

After I called the police, I called my brother and asked him to stay at his friend's house. He was at a party and I didn't want him to come home drunk to a house full of police officers. A murder and an underage would be too much to handle.

The police wrote it up as murder from a serial killer, but I couldn't shake the feeling it was something else. We had 24 hour surveillance on the house for about a week, but Daniel and I asked them to leave so we could mourn in private. Besides, if my parents were murdered, shouldn't they be out looking for the killer?

Every time I walk into town, everyone

stares or says how sorry they are. Our fridge is full of 'I'm Sorry' casseroles in every flavor: green bean, chicken, rice, ham, potato, noodle, beef... If I see another casserole I'll be sick. People come into the bakery all the time to give me their condolences. I've been keeping the bakery open a little later every night so I can avoid home and I have to say, my decorating has never looked better.

I had to switch to pink, yellow, and blue icing to keep my drawings from looking too gruesome. I should really go back to drawing flowers, hearts, and smileys, instead of scythes, tombstones, and bones. Even if I keep drawing sad, Gothic looking cupcakes, they look a little happier with the brighter colors. Worst comes to worst, I could go for a Halloween theme for the bakery.

Last night, I decided to paint the walls in the TV room red, because I couldn't get the bloodstains off the wall. It made sense at the time but now it just looks like there is blood everywhere. We burned the couch because it, too, was stained from their blood.

As I walk through the house tonight, I can't help but feel like it's too quiet, like something bad is about to happen. Daniel

went to bed a few hours ago. It still smells like paint. Nothing in the house is different, the pictures are still there, and mom and dad's room looks the same as it always did. Their room still smells like lavender and old spice. I feel like they could walk in the door at any moment. But I know they won't, because they're dead. Back in my room, I sat on my bed hugging my stuffed koala bear, sad but unable to cry. I haven't cried since my parents died. I feel like I should have and I want to but the tears just won't come.

Suddenly, there was a loud sound downstairs. I looked up as Daniel came running over to my doorway and then we went downstairs to face whatever was about to happen, maybe now I would know what happened to my parents. We looked around the TV room, everything looked okay, nothing was out of place. The light above the oven gave off some light, but just enough not to fall down the steps. Next, we looked at the front door as the whole room flashed white...

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Film Review: American Sniper

By *Evan Johnson*
Staff Writer

American Sniper is based on the bestselling autobiography of the same name by the legendary Chris Kyle who was deservedly nicknamed The Devil of Ramadi and Legend. He was a United States Navy SEAL and proclaimed as the most deadly sniper in U.S. military history with over 160 confirmed kills, which must have witnesses, out of 255 probable kills. The film makes the viewer witness a handful of these kills and took me on an emotional rollercoaster that I will not soon forget.

The film starts off with Chris staring down the scope of a sniper rifle in post-9/11 Iraq. At this point, he had no kills and is cautious in this particular situation with Chris' finger on the trigger and a young boy's life in his hands. It then flashes back to his childhood where his father was taking him hunting and tells young Chris that he has a gift. It takes a little while and I had to suffer through a few cliché situations but the film eventually catches up to where it started off and we find out whether or not Chris pulled the trigger. After this, the film shows us Chris' military history and significant events in his life.

The film's direction was spot-on and was the best directed Clint Eastwood film since the 1992 western classic Unforgiven. Clint Eastwood managed to pull the best out of all the actors and actresses. Sienna Miller did an outstanding job as Chris' faithful wife who was noticing the toll that the war was taking on him. However, it was really Bradley Cooper's acting and Clint Eastwood's directing that stole the show.

He directed Bradley Cooper in what I consider to be the best role of his career so far. He definitely earned the Academy Award nomination through his performance. The thing that was so moving was not the emotions he showed, but what he didn't show and was subtly bottling up like a lot of people do. His performance was moving and downright captivating at times. The hardest parts to watch were when Chris was stateside in between tours. You get to see the effect war had on Chris and how it affected his personal life.

At first the film seemed like a film about patriotism and it was at some points, especially towards the end. But, the main focus was the casualties of war, both living and dead. You don't have to die to be affected by war. It was very gritty and at parts hard to watch, due to excellent cinematography. The cinematography was amazing, most notably the sandstorm scene. For the most part, the soundtrack was decent and helped increase the suspense in some scenes but it was also predictable at times, too. Anyway, it is an outstanding war film and probably one of the best war films in recent years, due to its emotional portrayal of the casualties of war. But, it is not without its flaws.

Despite the basically unavoidable clichés of the film and the at times predictable patriotic music, it was a damn good film. Fair warning, this is an emotionally draining film. I felt so wiped after seeing it that I had to wait a little while before writing this review. But, I highly recommend this film to anyone who is a fan of realistic war films and/or moving human dramas with superb acting as well as directing.



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Growing up in Texas, Chris Kyle's father teaches him how to hunt deer and shoot a rifle. Years later, Kyle is a rodeo cowboy when he sees news coverage of the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings and enlists in the U.S. Navy, where he is eventually accepted for SEAL training, becoming a U.S. Navy SEAL sniper.

Recipe Column: Veggie Ramen Soup

By *Miranda Shuller*
Features Editor

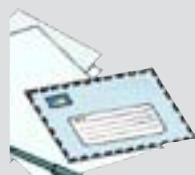
Due to the snowy weather, I have not wanted to move from my room. It is too cold to go to Manser and Einstein's is never open when I need it to be (is 2 am too late for a midnight snack?). Although I love bagels, during the wintertime I really love a good bowl of soup. With the ice and snow on the roads, I am not sure I want to drive all the way to Panera. So, here is a dorm friendly alternative: Veggie Ramen Soup.

All you need is 2 cups of vegetables (I recommend broccoli) and a pack of Ramen. You cook the broccoli (or vegetable of your choice) half way, the package should tell you about how long. And then you add the Ramen, following the directions on the noodle package.

Personally, I would cook the broccoli and noodles separately and drain the noodles a little, then add the broccoli and seasoning.

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Word of the Week:

coup d'état, [koo dey-tah; French koo dey-ta], noun;
1. a sudden and decisive action in politics, especially one resulting in a change of government illegally or by force.

Quote of the Week:

"Freedom lies in being *bold*."
-Robert Frost

Lyric of the Week:

"I'm an American soldier, an American, beside my brothers and my sisters I will proudly take a stand, when liberty's in jeopardy I will always do what's right.

- Toby Keith, *American Soldier*

Fact of the Week:

Walmart employs about 2.2 million people throughout the world.

PSECU Literacy Corner: Back to Basics

By Emily Shosh
eCenter Assistant Manager
Staff Writer

As you work to build a solid financial foundation, having a spending plan in place is one of the most basic keys to your success. Simply stated, a spending plan is a guide that you create for yourself that determines how you'll spend your money. If used properly, a spending plan will help you to see where your money management strengths and weaknesses are – you can identify what is going well for you and where you are overspending or wasting money.

Before you can create a spending plan, it's important that you be honest with yourself. You need to truthfully list all of your income and expenses. Many individuals overestimate their income and underestimate their expenses, which can lead to a spending plan failing before you have even begun to implement it.

When considering your income, make sure you're looking at the net pay that you take home after any taxes and deductions are taken out of your check. When considering your expenses, make sure you are being realistic in how much you spend. Don't just think about bills, loan payments, or other fixed expenses. To get a true picture of your expenses, consider all items that add to your cost of living. Now add in the "fun" money that you spend. That means adding up every time you go grocery shopping or fill your gas tank, as well as every time you slide your debit card to buy a cup of coffee or a slice of pizza. If you're struggling to come up with a realistic number for how much you spend, look back at your accounts for the past couple of months. Add up the average monthly cost of groceries and gas, then look at how much you typically spend on coffee, pizza, and other non-essentials.

Once you have your total income and total expenses calculated, subtract your

expenses from your income and see what you get. If it's a negative number, you have some work to do on adjusting your spending to create a spending plan that will keep you from going into debt. If it's a positive number, you should still take some time to look and see where you can improve your spending habits and pursue opportunities to build savings.

As you're looking for ways to reduce your spending, think about balancing your needs with your wants. Yes, everyone needs to eat, but you don't need to eat at a restaurant or grab takeout every night. Using your meal plan if you have one or going grocery shopping and making your own meals can save you an incredible amount of money. If you're someone who needs coffee to function, consider making your own coffee at home rather than purchasing one or more cups out each day.

Keep in mind that your spending plan isn't a once and done thing.

You need to put some effort into making

sure you're staying on track. Online and mobile banking apps can make it easier - there's no substitute for working the numbers yourself. Whether you prefer paper and pen or using an electronic spreadsheet, manually entering each time you spend money will help you realize just how much you're spending unnecessarily. What you're not spending, you can put toward savings. You'll be pleasantly surprised by how quickly your savings can build up!

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Horoscopes

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ARIES

March 21 - April 19

Your values are tested today — but that's not so bad for someone like you! As long as you believe in yourself, you should be able to get yourself through almost any kind of appraisal.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Your affection for a friend or family member is leading you in some interesting new directions — so keep heading down that way! Your amazing personal energy is working on your behalf.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

Someone needs to hear from you today — so draw deep from your well of wisdom and serve up the best possible advice. It may sound weird, but it's sure to be what they need to hear from you.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Original thinking is one of your many gifts, and today you need to push past everyone else's group-think to get to the bottom of some new issue. It's sure to help your cause at work or school.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

A legal issue becomes more important — though it may not be negative in any way! It could be that the law is definitely on your side, or simply that a hobby has acquired greater significance.

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

You need to dig into something new today — maybe a job prospect, maybe a new way of thinking about your spiritual side. Whatever it is, try to get started as early as possible, while your energy is strong.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

Take a second look at that problem that has been bugging you lately — you may need to rethink everything once you've seen that one clue you've been missing. Life gets a little sweeter after that.

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Your inclination toward doing your own thing may be problematic today — try to take others' feelings into consideration first and foremost. That actually is what works out best for you.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

Though you may not be all that interested in the small stuff, that's where the action is today — so make sure that you're really paying attention! You are sure to dig up something good.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Can you stick with the program? It's harder than it looks, but you've got the right kind of energy to focus and keep on track despite an avalanche of distractions. Things should pick up in a few days.

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

Are you reliving your past more than you'd like? Now is the time to dive deeply into it and get it over with. Just roll around in old mistakes or traumas until they lose their power over you.

PISCES

February 19 - March 20

You need to take it easy today — things are going your way already, so there's no need to rush or force them. Just tread lightly and see where the day takes you. Things should start picking up soon!

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Swim team starts off 2015 strong

By **HEATHER RITTER**

Sports Editor

So far in 2015, the swim team has had one close loss to Lock Haven, won over Wells College and Pitt-Bradford, and placed third in the Vulcan Invite.

When Mansfield hosted Lock Haven on the 16, Hilary Feudale, Connie Medura, Amanda Ernst and Alexis Cable swam for Mansfield in the 200 medley relay. They finished first place with a time of 2:01.39, just a second faster than Lack Haven.

The 200 freestyle team, which consisted of Candace Brown, Marissa Gilbert, Kelly Raleigh, and Abigail Zdancewicz, turned in a first place win as well, with a time of 2:12.28.

Medura, a sophomore, earned Mansfield first and second place finishes. She finished first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:13.99, and finished second place in the 200 IM with a time of 2:30.26.

Gilbert, Brown, Cable, and Ernst all brought in second place finishes for the Mountaineers, but their efforts were not enough. Lock Haven won the meet with 110 points to the Mountaineers' 79.

On January 17, the Mountaineers traveled to New York to take on Wells College and Pitt-Bradford. The Mounties

won both matches with 61-34 against Wells and 63-30 in their second meet against Pitt-Bradford.

Zdancewicz, Brown, and Medura were the driving force of the wins.

Zdancewicz earned first and second place wins. In the 1000 freestyle she finished with a time of 12:44.26 and finished second in the 500 freestyle with a time of 6:05.13

Brown brought it two wins in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:16.12 and 100 freestyle with a time 1:01.15. Medura, as well, earned two first place finishes in the 200 IM with a time of 2:30.56 and the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:15.96.

The young team was led by Abigail, Candace Brown and Connie Medura. Zdancewicz placed first in the 1000 freestyle (12:44.26). The sophomore also placed first in the 500 freestyle (6:05.13). Senior Lauren Dorosh went on to place third in the 500 freestyle (6:39.35).

Finally, on the 23 and 24 of January, the Mountaineers participated in the Vulcan Invite in California, Pennsylvania. California won the Invite with 671 points while Mansfield came in third with 288 points.

This weekend, January 31, Mansfield travels to Lock Haven for a PSAC competition at 1 p.m.

Soccer Hosts ELITE Indoor Academy

Head coach Tim Dempsey and the Mountaineer soccer program will once again offer an indoor soccer program for children age 5-13 at Kelchner Fitness Center on the campus of Mansfield University.

All of the programs will include instruction by Coach Dempsey, assistant coach Vito Addalli and members of the Mansfield women's soccer team. The cost per child for the two weeks program is \$30, and \$55 for all four weeks.

Introduction level—children ages five to six—can head to Kelchner Fitness Center for the two week program on Saturday Jan. 31 & Feb. 7 or Feb. 14 & Feb.

21, or for the four week program on Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21. The program will run from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on each of the four Saturdays.

Intermediate level (ages seven to eight) should report at 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. as well.

Intermediate level kids who are nine to ten years old and advanced level (eleven to twelve years old) should report at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information about the program, contact Tim Dempsey at tdempsey@mansfield.edu or call 570-662-4454.

Estremera Competes at Dream Bowl

Mansfield sprint football standout Jeremy Estremera made another senior bowl appearance the weekend of January 17th and 18th, competing at The Dream Bowl in Virginia Beach.

The Dream Bowl is an FCS, Division II and Division III collegiate senior all-star game showcasing some of the best football talent in the country. Participants were put through four days of practice and drills before Monday's bowl game. NFL and CFL scouts were in attendance for the practices and bowl game.

The two-time All-CSFL selection had five catches in the game with three going for first downs. The 5-7 receiver also carried the ball for a first down and returned a pair of kicks.

A standout receiver and running back during his four-year career with the Mountaineers, Estremera is Mansfield's all-time CSFL receiving leader with 65 catches for 652 yards and four touchdowns. He also has rushed for 586 yards with 12 touchdowns.

Men's basketball loses to West Chester

Sometimes the ball just doesn't bounce your way. It sure seemed that way for the Mansfield University basketball team Saturday afternoon in Decker Gymnasium.

Mansfield's Joe Bell scored a game-high 24 points and moved into second place on the all-time scoring list, but the ball always seemed to bounce the other way during key runs as the Mountaineers dropped a 93-81 decision to West Chester in a PSAC East contest Saturday afternoon.

West Chester scored the game's first five points and led 11-5 four minutes into the game before a 3-pointer by Andreas Katopodis igniting a 9-0 run to put the Mountaineers up 14-11 on a dunk by Bell two minutes later.

Mansfield still led 22-19 at the midpoint of the first half on a 3-pointer by Bell before West Chester chipped away taking a 30-26 lead on a free throw by Avery Brown with just over seven minutes remaining before halftime.

The Golden Rams extended the lead to a 48-38 advantage before a layup by Balla Thiam at the buzzer made 48-40 score at intermission.

Bell and teammate Charles Pemberton got into early foul trouble forcing the Mountaineers two leading scorers to miss a combined 13 minutes of play in the first half.

The Mountaineers trailed 58-48 after the first five minutes of the second half before another Bell 3-pointer started a 10-1 run with Mansfield closing to 59-58 on a 3-pointer by Thomas Moore with 13 minutes to play.

West Chester countered with a 10-0 run of its own building a 69-58 lead three minutes later before Mansfield rallied again to pull to 69-65 on a Da'Quan Jones free throw with eight minutes to go but could pull no closer.

Bell scored 10 points in the first half and moved passed Brett Longpre` (1765, 2000-2004) into second place on the all-time scoring list when he hit a 3-pointer ninety-seconds into the second half. It looked as if Bell would indeed break the scoring record after he picked up his 23rd point five minutes into the half, but the senior hit just one free throw over the last 15 minutes of the contest.

Bell scored 12 of his points on 3-pointers and now has 1775 points in his career needing three more points to tie Tommy Harvey (1,778, 1997-2000) and four points to take sole possession of the scoring title.

Thomas Moore scored 17 points and dished out five assists while Charles Pemberton added 12 points and six rebounds. Freshman Bella Thiam came off the bench to score a season-high 10 points.

Avery Brown led a balanced West Chester offense with 18 points while four other players, including Matt Wiseley and Cory Blake with 14 points each, scored in double-figures.

West Chester connected on 30-of-42 from the free throw line to Mansfield's 14-of-25 performance and outrebounded the Mountaineers 49-34.

The loss dropped Mansfield to 5-9 and seventh place in the PSAC East, trailing Lock Haven, Millersville and Shippensburg for the final playoff berth. West Chester remains in third place in the East with a 7-7 division mark.

Mansfield host second-place Kutztown this Wednesday evening. Fans should have the opportunity to witness a piece of Mansfield University basketball history this Wednesday evening when the Mountaineers host Kutztown in a key PSAC East contest on First Citizens Community Bank Court at Decker Gymnasium.

Standout Bell closed to within four points of becoming the Mountaineer's all-time leading scorer with his game-high 24 point performance against West Chester and is expected to pass current career scoring leader Tommy Harvey (1,778 points; 1997-2000) sometime during Wednesday's game.

Bell, who now has 1,775 points over the first 98 games of his career, is currently averaging a PSAC fifth-best 16.4 points per game on the season and is averaging 18.1 points per game during the length of his career.

Mansfield is in the thick of the PSAC playoff race and is currently one game behind Shippensburg, Millersville and Lock Haven for the final playoff berth with eight games remaining in the regular season.

The women's game is set for 5:30 pm tip-off followed by the men's game at 7:30 pm.

Have a suggestion for February's *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to Heather Ritter at flashlit@mansfield.edu by February 20th.

Track and field returns strong in first meet of 2015

Mountaineer track and field returned to action for the first time in 2015 on Saturday at the SPIRE North Coast Open.

The men’s 4x400 relay team of Josh Tupper, Grant Nolan, Jake Portock and Jordan Boothe turned in a third place time 3:29.41.

Jesse Jones registered a personal best and hit a PSAC time in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:45.67 to finish 7th overall. The senior bested his previous PR of 8:53.47 in the event set back in 2013.

Josh Tupper turned in an 11th place finish in the 800-meter run at 2:00.43. The freshman was less than two seconds from hitting a PSAC mark. Fellow freshman Carson Ayers also had an 11th place finish, crossing the line at 4:30.46 in the mile. Ayers finished second in his heat.

Melanie Hartley was three tenths of a second shy of a PSAC time in the 400-meter dash at 1:01.23 to place fourth. Hartley, a sophomore, was second in her heat and edged out the third place finisher by .06 seconds.

Distance specialist Destiny Foster won her heat in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:29.73 to finish sixth overall. Foster’s time hit a PSAC mark and bested her previous PR



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Senior Forensic Chemistry Jake Portock best time for an indoor mile is 4:31.46. of 10:53.91 in the event. Allison Macon also won her heat in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:26.08 to finish 9th in the field. Jenna Hoefer led the Mountaineer throws with a 9th place finish in the weight throw. Hoefer easily registered a PSAC mark with her toss of 13.39 meters. She was just shy of her personal best of 3.40m. Alexandria Gallagher won her heat and took 11th in the mile at 5:44.02. Mansfield returns to action on Jan. 30-31 at the Bison Open & Multi hosted by Bucknell.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
30 -TRACK @ Bison Open and Multi	31 -TRACK @ Bison Open and Multi -Women’s & Men’s basketball @ Cheyney University at 1 & 3 p.m.	1	2	3	4 -Women’s and men’s basketball v. Millersville University at 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	5
6	7 -SWIM @ SUNY Geneseo Invitational -Women’s and men’s basketball at 2 and 4 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12

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Events of SuperBowl XLIX put audience on the edge of their seats



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By **LORI ENGLE**
Flashlight News Editor

New England Patriots win 28-24 against the Seattle Seahawks.

On Sunday, February 1, many students gathered in their dorms or ventured to the Hut for free food to watch the SuperBowl XLIX(49).

In the first quarter of the game, the Patriots and Seahawks did not manage to score a single point. Both teams entered halftime with the game tied 14 - 14.

Katy Perry started the half-time show from the back of a giant metal tiger.

Lenny Kravitz, who played Cinna from the Hunger Games, appears with Katy Perry to perform one of her many songs during the half-time.

Missy Elliott also made a special appearance during Katy Perry's performance.

Katy Perry took back control of the stage with her many outfit

changes and even her dancing sharks. The left shark is currently under investigation for doing his own thing. "Left Shark failed out of choreography school," remarked SB Nation. "Left Shark only got this gig after threatening to bite the person in charge of the casting."

Katy Perry ended the halftime show with her chart-topping song "Firework" as she mounted a giant firework and rode it around the stadium.

After the Seahawks led the third quarter 24-14, Patriots fans started to lose hope. Patriots gained back control of the game scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter making the score 28-14

The main event did not happen until the last minute of the game when Jermaine Kearse caught the ball while lying on his back after it bounced off his legs in the air.

While the Seahawks were on the one yard line looking at victory, it was picked off when Malcolm

The Patriots have won the SuperBowl four times.

Butler intercepted the ball bringing the Patriots to victory with 28 - 14.

Looks like the Patriots did not need to deflate the ball after all.

Write a letter to the editor about what you think about the deflategate controversy.



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Mystery Shark (on right) decided he wanted to do his own dance.

Jimmy Guignard scheduled to make "Speakers for Tomorrow" presentation at Mansfield University

"A Certain Uncertainty: Examining the Rhetoric of Natural Gas" will be the topic of a presentation by Jimmy Guignard on Thursday, February 19, 7:00 p.m. at Mansfield University's Allen Hall, Room 104. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Guignard, associate professor of English at Mansfield University and author of the forthcoming book, *Pedaling the Sacrifice Zone: Teaching, Writing, and Living Above*

the Marcellus Shale, will speak on how language shapes attitudes toward science and industry.

This is the February installment of the "Speakers for Tomorrow" series sponsored by the Institute of Science and the Environment at Mansfield University.

For more information on the Institute of Science and the Environment, go to mansfield.edu/ise

President Obama creates \$4 trillion budget for FY2016

President Obama's \$4 trillion budget includes New Education Initiatives.

On February 4, 2015, President Obama announced the proposal for the 2016 fiscal year. His budget contained many initiatives that would be widely popular with the American people based on opinion polls. Nation Priorities Project (NPP), a research group that tracks federal spending, analyzed the numbers in Obama's budget and provided a report on what his proposal means for key popular priorities. The findings include education, climate change, taxes, social security, and other elements.

"67% of Americans say that improving the education system is a top priority" says Pew Research Center. The proposals would increase education funding by 5% over 2015 levels. After this increase the funding would be about \$70.7 billion. \$60 billion over 10 years would support students to attend community college for free. The president calls for \$66 billion for his signature Preschool for All initiative, plus new funding of \$1 billion for the Title I program and \$1.5 billion for Head Start. \$4 billion would be provided for teacher training and recruitment.

"74% of Americans say the federal government should be doing a substantial amount of combat climate change" stated the New York Times. The budget proposal would invest \$7.4 billion in clean energy technologies, and area that received significant cuts in 2015. It would also provide \$4 billion over 10 years for a Clean Power State Incentive Fund to help states exceed planned reductions in carbon emissions. \$1.29 billion would be dedicated to the Global Climate Change Initiative.

"6 in 10 Americans believe wealthy individuals and corporations don't pay their fair share in taxes" says Gallup, a daily news, polls, and opinion on politics paper. The

proposal would raise an additional \$208 billion over 10 years from wealthy tax-payers by increasing the tax rate on capital gains and closing the "trust fund loophole." A new fee on corporate financial institution would raise \$112 billion over 10 years.

"2 in 3 Americans believe making the Social Security system sound is a top priority" says Pew Research Center. Contradicting a rule proposed by House lawmakers in January, Obama's budget would ensure continued visibility of the Social Security Disability Insurance program. The proposal would increase funding for Social Security by as much as \$10 billion per year by closing loopholes that allow wealthy individuals to avoid paying Medicare and Social Security payroll taxes.

A Department of Defense base budget of \$534 billion, the highest in history, plus an additional \$51 billion war funding. \$478 billion in infrastructure improvements to roads and bridges. An annual budget deficit of \$474 billion, down from \$538 billion in 2015, plus plans to achieve \$1.8 trillion in deficit reduction over 10 years.

NPP is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1983 that makes our complex federal budget transparent and accessible so people can exercise their right and responsibility to shape our nation's budget. In 2014, NPP was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of our pioneering work to track federal spending on the military and promote a U.S. federal budget that represents Americans' priorities.

For a full report on President Obama's FY2016 budget proposal or for more information about NPP visit their website at nationalpriorities.org, contact Jasmine Tucker at jtucker@nationalpriorities.org or 240-529-4158, or Lindsay Koshgarian at lkoshgarian@nationalpriorities.org or 571-318-9114.

Dr. Ulrich named Interim Associate Dean of Faculty at Mansfield University

John Ulrich, professor of English, has been named Interim Associate Dean of Faculty for the spring semester at Mansfield University.

"I am working on assignments in the areas of institutional assessment, faculty professional development, international student recruitment and study abroad, undergraduate research, course scheduling, curricular review, program cost and enrollment trends, and several others," Ulrich said. "In addition, I participate in Cabinet meetings and work closely with the Dean and Provost on various other duties as assigned."

"I am grateful that Dr. Ulrich is willing to provide his expertise and energy to support Mansfield University in this important role," Interim Provost Roy Stewart. "I look forward to working with him, Dean J.P. Burke and the entire Mansfield University community to promote academic excellence."

Ulrich came to Mansfield University in



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Dr. Ulrich has been at Mansfield University for 24 years teaching English.

1991. He chaired the Department of English and Modern Languages from 2005-2011 and served as an assistant to the Provost in the fall 2014 semester.

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SGA starts a new committee to communicate with CT

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) did not meet on Tuesday, February 3 2015, due to a water leak on campus.

The water leak in turn closed Mansfield University down due to unsanitary conditions.

The officers of SGA still meet and discussed a few topics ranging from a new committee, to Spring Fling.

If you organization and would like funding for next year, please make sure one of your executive board members has attended one of the Budget Workshops. If not, contact SGA immediatly to get more information.

The budgeting process for the next academic year will end February 24 at midnight. The IT Director will be heading up a Tech committee, specifically to be the communicator between the Tech Director Michael Tharp and the SGA body.

If anyone would like to be on the Tech committee (at large members are welcome) please contact warrinertr03@mounties.mansfield.edu.

The Electronic Sign in front of Alumni now has a submission form on the SGA website. If anyone would like event information put on the sign, send in a request. Any questions can be sent to

sga-sign@mansfield.edu.

Spring Fling is in the midst of being planned. Progress is coming along nicely, and in the next few weeks there should be a theme and logo to associate with it.



Mansfield University is looking for someone like you!

The Mansfield University Council of Trustees is now accepting applications for the Student Representative to the Council.

The application deadline is February 13. Applications must be completed in full and turned in as a physical copy to Zane N. Swanger Student Trustee, 501 North Hall or e-mail the completed application to pboyce@mansfield.edu. Printed copies of the application may also be picked up at The Student Government Association Office at 203 Alumni Hall Student Center.

For more information about this position, please contact the current Student Trustee, Zane N. Swanger via e-mail at swangerzn03@mounties.mansfield.edu.

The Flashlight needs writers like you!

Send your story ideas and articles to flashlit@mansfield.edu or talk to us at our weekly meetings on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall, room 2M.



CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6 -5:00 PM - Admissions Mountie Ambassador Training9:00 - FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES at The HUT	7 - Swimming: Mountaineers vs. SUNY Geneseo Invitational 2:00 - Women's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Lock Haven University 4:00 - Men's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Lock Haven University	8	9 - 8:00 MONDAY RECREATION GAME NIGHT at The HUT	10 -8:00 PM - Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	11 -11:00 Chillin with the Canines11:30 - Workshop: Textbook Reading12:00 - Workshop: Note Taking	12 -11:30 Workshop: Textbook Reading - 12:00 Workshop: Note Taking - 8:00 PM - Weekly Live Entertainment Night at The Hut
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Mansfield University to Hold Visit Days

Mansfield University Senior Interning in Harrisburg

Prospective students and their parents will have several opportunities to visit Mansfield University during the spring semester.

Prospective students and their parents will be able to talk with admissions counselors, faculty members and current students about Mansfield University’s undergraduate programs, financial aid, club activities and campus life. Participants will also be able to tour campus, enjoy lunch in the student restaurant and explore the new state-of-the art residence hall facilities.

On Monday, February 16, 2015, a full Visit Day is scheduled with a special feature option for students interested Medical Laboratory Sciences, Nursing, Radiology, and Respiratory Therapy. These students are invited to a Visit Day that will include time at the Mansfield campus and Mansfield University’s clinical/campus location at Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania.

A full Visit Day is scheduled Friday, April 10, 2015. This date offers an overnight option, giving students the chance to fully explore the on-campus experience.

The athletic Visit Day schedule is:
Monday, February 16, 2015: Softball, Women’s & Men’s Cross Country & Track and Field
Friday, April 10, 2015 (overnight): Women’s Basketball, Women’s Swimming
Saturday Preview Visits are scheduled for the following dates in 2015: February 21st, March 21st, April 25th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th and August 15th.

Individual and small group visits can also be scheduled by contacting the Admissions Department.

For more information on Visit Days and to register, go to admissions.mansfield.edu, call (800) 577-6826 or email admissions@mansfield.edu

Mansfield University Senior Interning in Harrisburg

Mansfield University senior Alyssa Krick is one of 13 college students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program for the spring semester.

The psychology-human resources management major is working for the Human Resources Department of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by PASSHE.

THIS provides students with the opportunity to work in all area of state government while earning a full semester’s worth of credits. Krick and the other students participating in the program attend several academic seminars during their internship semester. Each student will complete an individualized research project as part of the program’s requirements.

More than 600 students from PASSHE universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989, each gaining valuable insight into the workings of state government at the policy-making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies, as well as in the Office of the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Office of the Attorney General.

For more information on the program, go to passhe.edu/this

With nearly 110,000 students, PASSHE is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth. The 14 PASSHE universities offer degree and certificate programs in more than 120 areas of study. More than 500,000 PASSHE alumni live and work in Pennsylvania.

The state-owned universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania. PASSHE also operates branch campuses in Clearfield, Freeport, Oil City and Punxsutawney and several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg.

For more information on PASSHE, check online at passhe.edu

Word of the Week:

Narcissism /närssizm/ noun

- 1. inordinate fascination with oneself; excessive self-love; vanity.
- 2. Psychoanalysis. erotic gratification derived from admiration of one’s own physical or mental attributes.

Quote of the Week:

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”-Eleanor Roosevelt

Lyric of the Week:

“And if I wrote you a love song and sang it to you every day, would it ever be enough to make you wanna come back home and stay?”
-Florida Georgia Line

Fact of the Week:

About 800,000 people commit suicide each year.



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Krick is from Milton, PA, graduated from Warrior Run High School and is the daughter of Gregg and Crystal Krick.

Want to build your resume and have a fun time doing it? Do you love writing? Join the Flashlight! Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

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Religion and Why the world needs to leave it in the past

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

Religion is a topic that people have been fighting about for years, but the time has come to stop the fighting and end religion as it is.

Don't get me wrong I think that religion is good, if you're a child!

For instance lets compare "God" and Santa Claus. Both are fictional characters that were made to keep someone in line.

Santa was made to keep little children in line so that they wont act out and misbehave, while "God" was made to keep adults in line due to fear.

Santa may help a parent in keeping a child in line, but religion does its best to keep adults in line.

A good example is that most religions stress not to kill anyone, but there were many wars started because of religion.

Studies conducted have shown that in some high religious states that there is more violence and crime, while in other non-religious states there is less evidence of crime.

Other studies conducted that there is no correlation between religious affiliation and crime.

It is hard to say that there is a specific correlation between religious preferences and crime.

There are many positive things that come from religion, but there are negatives that come as well.

Some of the pro's contain but are not limited to: takes care of its

members, do positive things in the community, sense of community, life changing teaching set of morals.

Some of the cons include but are not limited to: bureaucracy, can be extremely harsh in terms of judging one another, can promote extreme behavior in members, charismatic leaders can twist the teachings to give them power.

Even though religion can be used for good it is also an evil that is growing, starting at a young age. It brainwashes our children to conforming to the belief, and living in a world of fantasy.

Religion needs to come to a stop in this new world that we are creating for ourselves.

If we as a world want to live in peace we need to end this nonsense.

We as a species need to take religion and put in the past a Mythology, just like the Greek religion and Norse Religion.

Both the Greek and Norse religions were beliefs that the people of the time followed, so why can't "the new world" put this religion behind us and move on, in a more secular view.

In my eyes religion is really nothing more than crime. Organized crime cannot make any money if it is in a chaotic state, and so can't religion. With a hierarchy a religious faction is just as bad as crime with one leader.

The worse part about it is that the crime is hiding in plain sight.

My numbers may be a little off, but from what I have read

in a few places that 85% of the churches income goes to building costs, and administration costs.

Only a mere 3% of their budget goes towards children's and youth programs, and 2% for adult programs. Local and national benevolence receives 1% of the typical church budget.

Now those numbers are outrageous for a non-profit organization. 85% of the money that it collects from its followers goes towards the building costs and the administration.

That sounds a lot like money wasted to me, and criminal in a sense.

But who am I to say what the cults do with their moneys.

Some estimates say that 1/3 of the new generation, the millennial, have no affiliation to religion. Meaning that they are either atheist, agnostic, or secular.

And no atheism is not a belief that nothing happened to nothing and then everything magically appeared.

Even though atheism may not believe in "God" they have rational thought about how the universe was created and how people were created.

Atheism is not clouded by the judgment of a church, and its brainwashing methods.

So let us take the stand to push this foolish religious nonsense into remission and throw it out for once and for all, for the better of the human race and its successors.

Letters to the Editor are welcome!

Submit your letter to The Flashlight at flashlit@mansfield.edu or stop by the office in Alumni Hall Student Center room 2M.

Recipe Column: Brownie-in-a-cup

By *MIRANDA SHULLER*

Features Editor

As college students, we are constantly on the go. We need quick and easy meals for those days when we have classes, workouts, sports or jobs, plus we have to make time for friends, projects, and family. Sometime, after a long day, we just want something awful for us, but we don't want to drive to Walmart for brownies or cookies. Here is a quick, dorm-friendly snack: Brownie in a mug. You'll need $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour, a pinch of salt, 2 tablespoons cocoa, 2 tablespoons olive oil, and 3 tablespoons water.

First step is to add all the dry ingredients which would include the sugar, flour, salt, and cocoa into a mug. Mix them up a little, then add the water and oil. You should mix everything together until it is consistent, meaning it is all the same color and no lumps. There aren't any eggs in it, so you could eat the batter, but I don't recommend it. The last step is to cook it for about 1:30-2 minutes, depending the microwave.

When the brownie is finished, be careful taking it out of the microwave because the cup will be hot. Add a scoop of ice cream on top and some chocolate syrup to have the perfect end to a stressful day! Enjoy!



**February 11th
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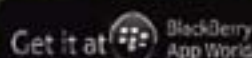
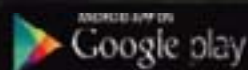
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The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life

By **HEATHER RITTER**
Sports Editor

Daniel

I couldn’t open my eyes.

At first, I thought it was because of that bright light. It took a few minutes to realize that I was on the ground, half on the stairs half on the floor, and that my head was pounding so hard that there were tears rolling down my face. I don’t know what I hit my head off of, but I hit it hard.

I managed to crack one lid just enough to see that there I was in darkness. I felt my heart speed up for a moment as fear dripped into my blood, but seconds later I realized this made sense. Daisy and I had been so terrified that neither of us had thought to turn on the light. That’s probably why I fell, I thought, a cautious smile spreading on my face. I couldn’t see where I was going and that light was so bright—

Oh, the light! My eyes snapped open and I sat up too fast. My head screamed at me and bile rose in my throat, so I had to take a second to breathe away the pain. Once I could focus I opened my eyes again. Nothing had changed. Stillness, darkness. I groped for the railing, and, once I found it, I dragged myself to my feet. I flicked the light switch on.

The door was shut, bolted. The hallway looked as it always has; shoes on the floor, coats on the rack, boot scuffs on the floor. That’s when it hit me. “Daisy?” I called. My frantic baritone echoed back to me. “Daisy?” I paused again, holding my breath. “Daisy? Where’d you go?” I could feel my stomach sink into itself and my lungs start to collapse. I knew I didn’t need to check the rest of the house for her, but I did, shaking and sobbing, calling for her until my voice was a hoarse bark. I knew she was gone, but I couldn’t accept that. My entire family, gone—in the space of a week. It didn’t seem possible.

Later that night I found myself at the police station in one of those hard metal chairs that was growing all too familiar to me. I looked up and Officer Bubble met my gaze. He was no where near a bubbly man, but the force had given him that nickname because it annoyed him. I liked thinking of him as Officer Bubble; it made him way less intimidating.

“Let’s go over this one more time,” he said with a sigh. “You woke up, and...?”

“I ran downstairs with Daisy. Slipped and fell, smashed my head. Woke up and she was gone.” I had the story concise after repeating myself all night long—or, rather, all morning long, since it was now something like 4 in the morning.

“And you saw no one?”

“Not a soul,” I sighed. “Except for that bright light right before I passed out, there was nothing I can remember. Daisy was there, and when I woke up, she was gone.”

Officer Bubble pursed his fishy lips. He looked as exhausted as I felt; the bags underneath his eyes spoke of many cups of coffee and an angry wife sitting up wondering when he’d be home. “You know, Daniel, this all sounds extremely strange.”

“Officer Bub—Officer Holderman, you have no idea.”

He smiled and pushed his fingers through his hair. “Look, you can go home now, since you obviously don’t know any more than we do. I ought to tell you, that it’s a very strong possibility you’ll have to be down here again and talk to us some more.”

“I figured as much,” I paused. “I just...”

“Yes, son?” He didn’t seem very interested in what I had to say. His head was already on his pillow and his mind in a dream.

“I just wonder why a man would do this.”

“Don’t we all?” was all the contrite officer would say. “Get going, kid. You have school in a few hours.”

I nodded with zero intention of showing up to school. There would be whispers and stares and questions. I couldn’t handle that today. Unlike my genius twin, I was still in school—of course helping with the stupid bakery after school—but I had all of my cards lined up to actually graduate high school at a normal pace and head off to Mansfield University as a biology major. Some day I wanted to be a doctor. Or at least, I had wanted those things. Right about now, I wanted to nap.

I left the police station and walked out into a gray world. Rain pelted my bare head and I lifted my hood onto my head as I descended the station’s steps and walked out towards the cross walk. I hit the silver button and waited for the pedestrian to flash his approval of my passage. I went to fish my phone from my pocket when I felt eyes boring into my forehead. My blood ran cold and I glanced up. A man all in black stood in the middle of the crosswalk. He met my gaze and I couldn’t move.

He nodded. My tongue was swollen in my mouth and my hand fumbled for my phone. This man, tall, taller than me with piercing blue eyes and a hawklike nose was so out of place in a small town like this—he looked larger than life, and somehow like a beacon of danger. I raised my phone to take a picture of him, glancing at it briefly to unlock the screen but when I looked back up, he was gone. The streetlight began to squawk my safe passage.

You have got to be kidding me, I thought.

PSECU Financial Corner: The Hidden Costs of Employment

By **EMILY SHOSH**
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What’s the first thing you think of when you get a job? Maybe it’s a landmark on the path to your career goals, maybe it’s the paycheck, or maybe it’s how great it will look on your resume. While all of these thoughts are important, there are some things that many newly employed people tend to overlook – the hidden costs of employment.

In such a competitive job market, it’s exciting to be offered a position. However, whether you just landed a summer job, internship, or are preparing for your first full-time job after college, it is important that you take some time to consider the ways that this may impact your finances outside of just receiving a paycheck.

One big thing to consider is any changes you’ll need to make to your living situation. If you’re used to living in a small college town in Pennsylvania, your cost of living will definitely rise if you’re relocating (temporarily or permanently) to a larger city. Not only will your rent be higher, but daily expenses like groceries will hit your wallet a bit harder.

Transportation is another way that employment can cost you. If you can’t walk to your job, you’ll have to figure out how you’ll get to work each day. If you already own a car, you may have increased gas and maintenance costs. If you don’t already own a car, but need one, you’ll have to consider a down payment for a car loan and monthly loan payments, in addition to the costs of insurance, gas and maintenance. If you’re lucky, you may live in an area with access to public transportation. The cost of commuting via bus or subway to work is oftentimes much cheaper than

owning your own vehicle.

Outside of the more obvious factors such as living situation and transportation, there are other smaller costs that can add up when you get a new job. You may need to purchase clothing specific to your job, especially if you’re working in a field such as nursing or medical assisting, where you may wear scrubs to work. If you’re working in a professional office setting, you may need to increase your wardrobe to include not just one or two interview outfits, but enough business clothing for daily wear.

In addition, you may want to look for relevant professional organizations to join so that you can enjoy increased networking within your field. There are often fees for these types of organizations, but the benefits can be tremendous.

Sure, getting a new job can bring many hidden expenses with it. But there are certainly many things that may outweigh these costs. Outside of your monetary compensation, inquire what benefits your employer offers. You may enjoy subsidized health insurance, as well as other benefits, like access to the company cafeteria and gym, or tuition assistance. Investigating and making use of these company perks can soften the blow of any upfront costs you may face when starting a new job.

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TV Review: Walking Dead Season 6 Recap and Review

By **EVAN JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

The Walking Dead has broken records for the most watched cable show in television history. The characters are very well developed and the way they deal with the undead and human threats is very believable in a what-would-I-do sort of way. The various story lines make the viewer constantly wanting more and give the viewer a constant sense of impending doom for Rick Grimes' group of hardened survivors. Nobody is safe in the undead world. At the end of last season, Rick had realized that you cannot be the good guy and survive in the new world. He realized this when a group that was hunting him out of vengeance came to kill Rick, Carl, and Michonne. After being told what the group's plans were for him, he managed to fight back and bite the throat out of the group's leader and literally gut the man that was attempting to rape his son Carl. Soon after this realization, Rick and his group is faced with a deadly situation where

the chances of survival are slim. After being captured by The Hunters in not-so safe haven Terminus and locked in a train car, Rick's humanity is put to the test. There is little left of Rick's humanity, and he focuses on keeping his group alive at any cost. What follows are a series of story arcs that show the lengths some people will go to in order to survive and what lengths some people will not go to. The first part of the sixth season focuses a lot more on the way Rick and his group is changing. They care about each other and will do almost anything in order to protect one another. Rick's main mission is to keep his son and baby girl alive. Rick learned that he can't have his cake and eat it too. In order to survive, parts of what makes him an understanding and emphatic character have to go if he wants to succeed in keeping everyone he cares about. The most prominent part of the season that shows the group's change is when they unleash their wrath on a group of people. Rick's group don't just kill them, they massacre them -as if they take pleasure in

dishing out revenge. Their dish of revenge isn't served cold, it's freezing. This takes the group into a new level of being and they are close to becoming what they are fighting. After this, it is discovered that one of the members of their group, that went missing the previous season, is still alive and being held prisoner by a group of people. A few members of Rick's group break off to find their missing member's location. Various events occur that cause Rick's group to have one member captured but gain a new member with knowledge of the group that is holding the missing members of Rick's group. Once this information is delivered to Rick, a plan to save their friends is quickly made and they leave to execute the plan. Rick is no longer interested in negotiations and wants to just move in and make a swift and violent rescue attempt. He believes that no prisoners should be taken and that the best way is killing the captors as well as anyone who gets in the way. Rick is eventually talked out of this and reluctantly takes prisoners. In the end, Rick's group learns that violence is the only way to survive when a game-changing event occurs during the mid-season finale. At the end of the mid-season the group has learned, the very hard way, that violence is necessary and should be the first choice when making a decision where violence is an option. The two hour premiere of the sixth season focuses on the changing world and the way that Rick's group views it as well as adapts to it. Morals will kill you should be the tagline for this part of the season. In the undead world, heroes and villains are no longer black and white. While there are still clear villains and heroes, sometimes the hero makes severely questionable moral choices and the villain's actions may seem understandable. Nobody is the same as they once were and that is why they are still alive. Keeping the old way of living before the apocalypse is utterly unrealistic because it isn't the same world and probably never will be again. The characters need to find the right balance between good and evil in order to survive.

Horoscopes

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March 21 - April 19

A burst of creativity comes your way late in the day — make the most of it! You may want to spend it all in one place (socially, most likely), but you could also spread it around and see where it does the most good.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

You can't help but toot your own horn today — and at least one person doesn't approve. You may just want to ignore them for the time being, but eventually you need to explain your actions.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

Your opinions are both tools and toys today — you can get quite a lot done if you use them properly, and you can also have a blast just messing around with them. At least one argument leads somewhere interesting.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Something small is getting bigger and better throughout the day, so get ready for some serious improvements. They may take you by surprise, but you're sure to be happier by this time tomorrow.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

You take greater confidence in yourself today — one way or another. It may come at a surprising time, but your terrific personal energy helps you to overcome all obstacles you face.

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

You've got one angry customer too many today (however you define customer), and you just need to step back and try to find your center before you can go on. It's not as hard as it seems.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

You need to indulge yourself in some serious action today — even if you've been looking forward to a day of rest. Your social energy just can't sit idly by, so get out there and mix it up with people.

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Your ego isn't exactly a problem — even if someone starts to see it as a challenge. You shouldn't lose faith in yourself but you may need to hold a few friends in somewhat higher esteem.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

A bit of good luck comes your way and may snowball a fair amount by the time night falls. That doesn't mean it's time to bet everything on one roll of the dice, but you can expect good things to come your way.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

People are so weird today — in fact, they may be acting extra weird in an effort to conceal their true agendas. You can't be bothered engaging with them, so focus on your own projects if possible.

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

Your ideas are fairly settled today, which may make you somewhat nervous. Don't worry! You should get back to your freewheeling futurism in a few days. For now, stick with the tried and true.

PISCES

February 19 - March 20

Try not to get too pushy today — which may be tough. Your energy is a little more demanding than usual, but you can exert that in all sorts of different directions if you think about it.

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Committee announces date for Steve Zeglia Memorial Golf Outing

The Steve Zeglia Memorial Golf Outing organizing committee has announced the date for the 2015 event will the weekend of July 10-11 at Corey Creek Golf Club in Mansfield.

A pre-event gathering will be held on the deck of the Corey Creek Golf Club House on Friday evening for early arrivals with accommodations available in the newly constructed and air-conditioned residence halls on campus.

Saturday’s tournament has a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

A complete schedule and online registration will be available as the date draws closer.

The Steve Zeglia Memorial Golf Outing is an outgrowth of the HO-GIG

Swim competes against Lock Haven

Freshmen Candace Brown and Alexis Cable just missed qualifying in the 50 freestyle for the PSAC Championships in a meet against Lock Haven Saturday afternoon.

Brown swam to a 25.90, just .02 seconds shy of a PSAC mark while Cable missed the mark by .14 seconds with a 26.02

Kelly Raleigh turned in her best performance of the season in the 100 butterfly with a 1:11.05.

Breaststroke specialist Marissa Gilbert garnered a personal bests in the 100

Women’s basketball wins against Cheyney

By **HEATHER RITTER**
Sports Editor

Women’s basketball had their second win of the season this past Saturday, Jan. 31, when they won 59-53 against Cheyney.

The Mounties started off early in the game with a 4-1 lead when Brielle Kelly made back to back free throws. Cheyney racked up nine points in response, bringing the score to 10 points for Cheyney and 6 for the Mountaineers.

By halftime Cheyney was still in the lead with 23 points but Mansfield was starting to make a comeback, just three points behind.

In the second half of the game Mansfield started off strong with Kelly and Katie Fitzpatrick scoring a total of 6 points

Golf Outing celebrating friendship with former Mountaineer teammates while fondly recalling their playing days.

The named was changed to the Steve Zeglia Memorial Golf Outing in the mid-2000s to honor former assistant coach Steve Zeglia who passed away suddenly in 2003.

While the Steve Zeglia Memorial Golf Outing is a fitting tribute to Coach “Z” and his family, it’s really about the uniqueness of being a Mountaineer football player and a celebration of the pride and tradition of Mansfield football.

The Steve Zeglia Memorial Golf Outing is open to all former Mountaineer football players, coaches, staff and supporters.

breaststroke with a 1:38.02. The freshman went on to swim a 3:40.93 in the 200 breaststroke.

Samantha Masher took part in the 50 freestyle with a 34.48 finish.

Senior Lauren Dorosh rounded out the day with a 6:24.90 finish in the 500 freestyle.

Mansfield is set to travel to the SUNY Geneseo Invitational on Feb. 7 for their last regular season meet of the year.

between Kelly’s two jumpers and Fitzpatrick’s layup, bring the score to 26-23. The Mounties lost their lead several times only to regain it by 2 points with 12:21 left to play in the game, bringing the score to 33-31.

Mansfield and Cheyney stayed neck and neck within the last minutes of the game. Mansfield brought the score to 38-31 only to have Cheyney catch up by 7 points and let Mansfield score 2 points.

Tianna Jackson made nine of ten attempted free throws in three minutes, bringing Mansfield’s lead to eight points and securing their win.

The win brought Mansfield’s record this season from 1-18 to 2-18 overall.

Wednesday the Mounties host Millersville in Decker Gym at 5:30.

Men’s basketball takes on Millersville

The Mansfield University men’s basketball program will face a critical challenge when the Mountaineers host Millersville in a key PSAC East contest this Wednesday evening on First Citizens Community Bank Court at Decker Gymnasium.

Tip-off for the men’s game is set for 7:30 p.m. with live coverage provided by Doug Page of ESPN Radio Williamsport and linked, along with live stats, at GoMounties.com. The pregame show starts 10 minutes prior to tip-off.

Mansfield is currently in the midst of a four-game losing-skid after being upset 86-77 at Cheyney Saturday to fall to seventh in the PSAC East and one game out of a playoff berth. Millersville is fifth in the PSAC after recording an impressive 61-58 win over East Stroudsburg. The Marauders have won five of their last seven games.

Although they have been struggling of late, the Mountaineers feature three of the top players in the PSAC East in seniors Joe Bell and Charles Pemberton along with junior Thomas Moore.

Bell, who moved past Tommy Harvey to become Mansfield’s all-time leading scorer last week, will be presented with the record-setting ball in a pregame ceremony on Wednesday. The senior has been on fire of late scoring 21 or more points in each of his last five games including a

season-high 34 at Cheyney on Saturday. He currently ranks 4th in the PSAC in scoring averaging 17.7 points per game and has extended his school scoring record to 1,833 points.

Pemberton ranks among the top 20 scorers in the conference averaging 13.7 points per game and is the PSAC’s most accurate shooter, connecting on 66.5% of his shots from the floor. He also ranks 9th in the conference in rebounding pulling down an average of 7.2 boards per game.

Moore, who doesn’t qualify for PSAC statistical accolades because he missed eight games with injury earlier in the season, is averaging 15.1 points per game and has scored in double-figures in all nine games since returning from injury.

Millersville, which pulled out a 74-69 win over Mansfield at home early in the season, is led by guard Kelvin Parker, who ranks 6th in the PSAC in scoring at 16.1 points per game, and forward Eddie Callender who ranks among the conference scoring (12.7 ppg) and rebounding (7.2 rpg) leaders.

Mansfield, which trails Lock Haven by a game for the final PSAC East playoff berth, has six games remaining in the regular season including Wednesday’s Millersville outing.

Hoefer breaks school record in weight throw

Jenna Hoefer broke the Mansfield school record in the weight throw while the women’s 4x1,600-meter team set a new record to highlight an exciting day for Mountaineer track and field at the Highlander Invitational hosted by Houghton College.

Hoefer’s top throw of 44’ 9.75” in the weight throw broke Alicia Edkin’s record of 44’9” set in 2012. The throw was good for a third place finish in the event.

The women’s 4x1,600-meter team of Sarah Morin, Allison McCurry, Lauren Orosz, and Destiny Foster turned in a school record time of 22:55.05 to win the event.

Mansfield dominated in the women’s mile, taking the top seven places. Destiny Foster turned in the top time in the event with a 5:28.49.

Melanie Hartley won the 400-meter dash and hit a personal best with a PSAC-qualifying time of 1:01.39. Allison Macon topped the field in the 800-meter run and hit a conference mark with a 2:24.58.

Rachel Hohenwarter was second in the shot put with a top throw of 34’. Her best throw came in her first of six attempts.

Joelsen Resimo hit a PSAC-qualifying time of 4:26.31 in the mile to finish third in the event. Chris Carlsen was third in the triple jump with an indoor PR of 40’ 4.25”.

Carson Ayers placed second in the 3,000-meter run with a PR time of 9:13.42. Shakim Blackwell (9:14.61), Quashaun Jaquay Willis (9:17.13), Kyle Calogero (9:47.44) and Brandon Emmett (10:08.10) all hit PRs in the 3K.

Kyle Blose placed second in the shot put and hit a PSAC mark with his best throw of 44’ 9.75”. Tracey Lafrance took third in the shot put with a throw of 39’ 8.75”.

The Flashlight needs writers like you!
Come to our weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall, room 2M.

Have a suggestion for February’s *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to Heather Ritter at flashlit@mansfield.edu by February 20th.

Coaches poll picks Mansfield to finish 7th in PSAC

The Mansfield University baseball team was picked to finish seventh in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Eastern division according to the 2015 preseason coaches' poll.

The poll, which is voted on by the head baseball coaches in the conference, was announced today by the PSAC office.

Millersville tops the poll in the PSAC East, receiving five of the eight first place votes. Shippensburg was picked to finish second followed by West Chester and East Stroudsburg who each received a first place vote.

Defending PSAC Champion Kutztown was tabbed to finish fifth in the division with Bloomsburg, who received the final first place vote, picked sixth. Mansfield came in at seventh with Lock Haven rounding out the division.

Mercyhurst was picked to win the PSAC West, garnering four first place votes. Seton Hill, who won the 2014 regional and earned a berth into the College World Series, was slotted second in the West and also received four first place votes.

Mansfield head coach Harry Hillson enters his 29th season at the helm of the



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Last year the team won 20 games and lost 23. Mountaineer baseball program. Hillson is coach in NCAA Division II and second in the currently the ninth most winningest active PSAC with 825 career victories.

Mansfield opens the 2015 campaign on Feb. 20 against Mercyhurst in Dinwiddie, Va.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6	7 -SWIM @ SUNY Geneseo Invitational -Women's and men's basketball at 2 and 4 p.m.	8	9	10	11 -Women's and men's basketball v. Shippensburg @ 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.	12
13 -TRACK at GVSU Big Meet	14 -TRACK at GVSU Big Meet & Colgate University -Women's and men's basketball at Bloomsburgh University at 1 & 3 p.m.	15	16	17	18 -SWIM PSAC championships	19 -SWIM PSAC championships

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Lottery scams using Better Business Bureau name to target victims

A lottery sweepstakes scam is using the Better Business Bureau's name and reputation in an attempt to rob consumers in Upstate New York and other parts of the country.

Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning everyone to beware of calls from area code 876 (Jamaica) which is known to be used by scam artists. Recent reports claim the caller is with Better Business Bureau, representing a Jamaican lottery for Mega Millions. BBB has no connection with Mega Millions or any other lottery.

"Scammers are using our trusted name in order to gain credibility," said Warren Clark, president of BBB of Upstate New York. "Anyone who receives such a call should hang up and remember you never have to pay money to win money."

How the scam works:

1) You answer a call from a number starting with area code 876. The caller says you've won the "Mega Millions" lottery. In some instances, the caller claims to represent Better Business Bureau.

2) The "lottery official" assures you not to worry about collecting your winnings. All you need to do is pay a few hundred dollars in taxes or fees, and the jackpot is yours. The lottery will even take a prepaid debit card, easily available at your neighborhood convenience store.

3) You load the card up with money and share the number and PIN with the "lottery official." Of course, the caller is a scam artist. Once you give them your prepaid debit card information, they will drain the account and disappear.

BBB reminds everyone it is illegal for foreign lotteries or sweepstakes to operate within the U.S., and it is also illegal for U.S. citizens to participate in these sweepstakes or lotteries.

BBB offers advice to protect you from this scam. The advice is as follows:

1) You can't win a contest you didn't enter. You need to buy a ticket or complete an application to participate in a contest or lottery. Be very careful if you've been selected as a "winner" for a contest you never entered.

2) Verify the source. Check if an offer is real, but don't call the phone number in the email or website you suspect may be a scam. If it is a con, chances are the person on the other line will be involved, too.

3) Don't pay to claim your prize. You should never have to pay money or buy products in order to receive a prize. Be especially wary of wiring money or using a prepaid debit card.

4) Protect your personal information. Scammers can be very charming and charismatic and can lure or pressure you for personal information, such as Social Security and bank account numbers. This information can be used to steal your identity. Be extremely cautious when giving out any personal information online or over the phone.

5) Never wire money. Scammers pressure people to wire their own money to claim their winnings. They can manipulate and trick people into handing over prepaid money card numbers and PINs, which is all they need to get the cash. They may instruct you to use a commercial money transfer company because wiring money is the same as sending cash. That's when the money is gone and almost impossible to trace.

6) Put your number on a do not call list. You can sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry. This won't stop scams entirely, but

it can help reduce the number of unwanted calls you receive.

To find out more about scams or report one, check out BBB Scam Stopper. For scam alerts, tips and other information you can trust, visit bbb.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

For more than 100 years, Better Business Bureau has been helping people find businesses, brands and charities they can trust.

In 2014, people turned to BBB more than 165 million times for BBB Business Reviews on more than 4.7 million businesses and Charity

Reports on 11,000 charities, all available for free at bbb.org. The Council of Better Business Bureaus is the umbrella organization for 112 local, independent BBBs across North America, as well as home to its national programs on dispute resolution, advertising review, and industry self-regulation.


BBB now includes complaint detail and customer reviews in BBB Business Reviews. To view consumer experiences, click on the BBB Business Review, then on these individual tabs.



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BBB serving Upstate New York was founded in 1923.

Weekly Weather


Friday



Partly Cloudy

High:15 Low:2


Saturday



Snow

High:29 Low:3


Sunday



Cloudy

High:4 Low:-6


Monday



Mostly Sunny

High:17 Low:3


Tuesday



Snow

High:27 Low:16


Wednesday



Snow and Rain

High:20 Low:-2

Thursday



Partly Cloudy

High:24 Low:-1

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Campus Bulletin Board

- Paid Internship in Harrisburg for Fall 2015: Work with state agency or legislators and receive stipend roughly equivalent to a semester's tuition, room and board, plus gain valuable experience and contacts. Must be a junior or senior with a GPA of 3.0 or better. For more information contact Dr. Lee Wright ext. 4787 or come to 218 Allen Hall. Applications are due February 20, 2015.

- North Hall Prize is an award of \$150 prize for the best undergraduate research paper 5-9 pages long and another award for \$150 for best undergraduate research paper over 9 pages. The submitted paper must be based on some library research and be graded during the calendar year of 2014(January–December). All entries must be submitted before February 15, 2015. For more details on the North Hall Prize, go to: <http://lib.mansfield.edu/info/prize>.

- On Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a “Old Stories in a New Light” concert. The concert features faculty member soprano Dr. Alissa Rose singing older texts shown in a new light by creative

composers like Aaron Copland and Albert Roussel accompanied by Mansfield University Music Department faculty. Interspersed with the songs will be solo performances by Mansfield University flutist Dr. Christine Moulton (Honneger’s Dance of the Goat), guitarist Eric Carlin (Bach Prelude) and clarinetist Richard MacDowell (Hommage to Manuel DeFalla).

- The Mansfield University Office of Admissions will be hosting a Visit Day program on Monday, February 16th. Please be aware that parking in the N LOT will be reserved for our Visit Day guests between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Regular parking availability in the N LOT will resume at 3:00 p.m.

-On Wednesday, February 18, the Students Activities Office will be hosting the Legends of the Harlem Renaissance concert in North Manser Dining Hall. The event will be at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. Lively commentary, integrated video projection, and lively musical performance highlights the artistic efforts of Harlem legends including writers Langston Hughes, Zora Neal Hurston, and Jean Toomer, and others. Explore the creative works of visual artists Romare Bearden, Aaron Douglas, and sculptor Augusta Savage, to name just a few. Additional Support by MLK CENTER. The event is funded by Student Activity Fees.

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

-2/1/15- At 4:05 a.m. on Clinton Steet, a University police officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, operated by Kyle Trioana, 20, due to an equipment violation. A subsequent investigation determined that Troiana, university student, was under the influence of alcohol and less than 21 years of age. Charges are pending for DUI and related offenses.

-1/30/15- Around 8:30 p.m. on the fourth floor of Spruce, University Police responded to the report of an intoxicated male subject. That

individual, later identified as Adam Johnson, 24, a current student, was subsequently detained by police due to his condition. Charges are pending for public drunkenness.

-1/28/15- Around 10:30 p.m. in Manser Dining Hall, University Police responded to the report of a fight in progress involving two male subjects, both university students. The parties had been separated prior to the arrival of police and have been identified. An investigation continues.

-1/27/15- Around 10:00 p.m. in Lot A, a University police officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation. A subsequent investigation found that the operator, a Mark Reynolds, 39, was wanted on a felony warrant issued out of Tioga County, PA. Reynolds was taken into custody and transported to the Tioga County Prison. Reynolds is not a university student.

World News

Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com



- Social media users wondered what role, if any, the victims’ faith played

-2/11/15- The death of Iran’s ‘Dead Sea’

- Iran’s Lake Urmia used to be the largest lake in the Middle East

- But the salt lake has shrunk by two-thirds since 1997

- Meysam Mir Zendehtdel recently documented the dying lake and its effect on the community

-2/11/15- American ISIS hostage Kayla Mueller dead, family says

- One photo ISIS sent to Kayla Mueller’s family showed her in a burial shroud

- U.S. devoted “enormous resources” to try to free Mueller and other hostages

-2/11/15- Girl, 11, charged with murder in beating death of 2-month-old baby

- The girl’s mother was babysitting the infant

- The baby died of massive internal injuries, police say

-2/11/15- Accused killer of ‘American sniper’ Chris Kyle acted bizarrely for years, family says

- Eddie Ray Routh had history of drug use, including pot and PCP, documents say

- Routh stands charged in the deaths of “American Sniper” Chris Kyle, Chad Littlefield

-2/11/15- 3 students shot to death in apartment near UNC Chapel Hill

- Police: “Ongoing neighbor dispute over parking” may have led to deaths

- Alleged shooter held without bond, cooperating with investigators, police say

TSO (Transfer Student Organization)

TSO meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in room G-12 South Hall. New members are always welcome. You do NOT have to be a transfer student to join.

February Meeting Schedule:

- February 19th: NO meeting on due to the Leadership Celebration on campus.
- February 26th: Regular meeting

We offer two types of membership:

- 1) Active membership, requiring attendance at meetings and programs/events/service projects
- 2) Consulting membership, requiring regular response to email correspondence, to provide insight and assistance in TSO endeavors

New Transfer Students wishing to have a Transfer Peer Mentor, or anyone wanting more information about TSO, Contact Lauren Ciliberto cilibertoll27@mounties.mansfield.edu

Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS)

4th annual

Bowl for Kids' Sake Campaign

Saturday, February 28 from 11am - 2 pm

Route 6 Lanes in Wellsboro, PA

\$25 minimum donation



Proceeds help to support Tioga County children's programs

For a pledge sheet, to register, or any questions contact BBBS board member Dr. Justin Crowl at 570-662-4496 or via email at jcrowl@mansfield.edu

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"Harlem Grooves" Coming to Mansfield University

"Harlem Grooves" will be coming to Mansfield University on February 18.

As part of its celebration of Black History Month, Mansfield University will present "Harlem Grooves; Legends of the Harlem Renaissance" on Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m. in North Manser Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

"Harlem Grooves" is a multimedia concert performance that highlights the flowering of an African American cultural revolution that started in Harlem in the 1920s and impacted the world.

The program features live musical performances and commentary integrated with video production highlighting the artistic efforts of Harlem legends Langston Hughes, Zora Neal Hurston, Jean Toomer and others. The works of visual artists Romare Bearden, Aaron Douglas and sculptor Augusta Savage will also be among those features in the production.

This event is sponsored by the Student Activities Office with additional support from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. It is funded by student activity fees.

35th International Conference on Critical Thinking and Education Reform deadling extended

The deadline for submitting concurrent and roundtable proposals for the 35th International Conference on Critical Thinking and Educational Reform has been extended to February 28, 2015.

Critical Thinking Scholars, Enthusiasts, and Students have been giving an extention for concurrent and roundtable proposals. To submit your proposal, please send an email to cosgrove@criticalthinking.org and jon@criticalthinking.org.

The summer world conference offers a unique opportunity to learn from Senior Fellows and scholars. Together you'll deepen your understanding of critical thinking and how to eddectively bring it into the core of teaching and learning. The conference will be held July 25, 2015 until July 30, 2015 in Berkeley, CA.

Here are some of the conference sessions:

- 1) Bringing Critical Thinking into the Heart of Teaching and Learning
- 2) Helping Students Come to Understand Content as a Mode of Thinking
- 3) For Administrators: Creating Critical Thinking Communities
- 4) Incorporating Critical Thinking Assessment into the Fabric of Teaching and Learning

5) Critical Writing: How to Write a Paper Using the Principles of Critical Thinking

6) To What Extent Do the Common Core Standards Foster Critical Thinking, World Justice, and Freedom of Thought?

7) Transformative Thinkers who Have Cultivated and Advanced the Concept of Freedom of Thought

8) Helping Students Deal with Bad Habits of Mind that Impede Their Learning and Their Development as Thinkers

9) The Inherent Fallibility of Human Memory and Some Core Implications for Teaching and Learning

10) Employing Socratic Questioning as a Means of Cultivating the Intellect and Freeing the Mind

11) Teaching Students to Pursue Transformative Concepts within Academic Disciplines

12) Understanding the Inherent Barriers to Freedom of Thought and the Emancipated Mind

Join the conference as they work to bring the principles of fairminded critical thinking into the fabric of teaching and learning. Register Now.

Want to build your resume and have a fun time doing it? Do you love writing? Join the Flashlight! Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

SGA gets the approval to move on with the Mural Project from Mansfield University

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) Secretary, Brett Helmus, mentioned to the SGA board that the Mansfield University Administration and Facilities approved the proposal of the paint of a mural on campus.

The mural will be painted on the top walkway of Manser Dining Hall and will face North Hall.

SGA is currently looking for members to be on the Technology Committee of SGA. The Admin Committee is also seeking at large members as well.

SGA Public Relations Director, Jared Weist, is urging clubs and organizations who are planning trips for the 2015 spring semester to meet with him to the begin the driving certification process – allowing these clubs access and use of university vehicles.

The meeting also gave the new campus club, the Mansfield University Psychology Research Club, SGA recognition that allows them possible future funding.

SGA Vice President, Jared Berken, motioned in favor of a policy change in the SGA Bylaws – adding line 16, Article 1, Section 3, Subsection A.

The Bylaw amendment would allow the SGA President rights to remove any execu-

tive board member including: the Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Director of Public Relations, and the Director of Technology. Proposed removal of any SGA members will also require the approval of the SGA Vice President.

The new amendment was only discussed at the meeting, no motion to enact the policy has been made.

The Spring 2015 commencement is planned to be outdoors. The administration is working on providing details at a later date.

The Super Bowl XLIX party at The Hut hosted by SGA was deemed a roaring success. There was an estimated attendance of 100 students showing up to indulge in pizza and wings while watching the “big game.”

SGA was currently granted permission to hold concerts on the football field, but there can be no food, drink, or spiked heels brought on to the field during the events.

SGA’s current allocated account balance stands at \$47,000 and their unallocated balance is \$118,000. The CoF Capital account is \$255,000.

Planning and coordination for Spring Fling is still ongoing. SGA originally invited Panic at the Disco to headline for Spring Fling, but the band has cancelled their appearance. A new headlining event is yet to be announced.

SGA President, Victoria Malatesta, alerted the board and meeting attendees of Red Friday, a nationwide event commending and supporting military personnel. Red Friday is to be held April 3. Details of SGA’s plans for Red Friday have not been determined as of yet.



Mansfield University is looking for someone like you!

The Mansfield University Council of Trustees is now accepting applications for the Student Representative to the Council.

The application deadline is February 13. Applications must be completed in full and turned in as a physical copy to Zane N. Swanger Student Trustee, 501 North Hall or e-mail the completed application to pboyce@mansfield.edu. Printed copies of the application may also be picked up at The Student Government Association Office at 203 Alumni Hall Student Center.

For more information about this position, please contact the current Student Trustee, Zane N. Swanger via e-mail at swangerzn03@mounties.mansfield.edu.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
13 - All Day - Last Day to Submit Incomplete Grades - Friday Night Movies at The Hut	14 Happy Valentine’s Day!	15 - 7:00 Faculty Chamber Music Recital, Alyssa Rose, Soprano	16 - Last day to complete credit by exam -Admissions Visit Day	17 - 7:30 Violin and Viola Studio Recital -Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	18 -12:30 Ash Wednesday Service in 307 Alumni - 7:30 Harlem Grooves performance North Manser - 8:00 Weekly Open Mic Night at The Hut	19 - 5:00 MU Leadership Celebration - 7:00 A Certain Uncertainty: Examining the Rhetoric of Natural Gass preentation by Dr. Jimmy Guignard
20 - Friday Night Movies at The Hut	21	22	23	24 -Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	25 - 8:00 Weekly Open Mic Night at the Hut	26

Pennsylvania State Employees Crefit Union adds to Scholarship Fund at Mansfield University

The Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU) continued its support of Mansfield University students with a presentation of \$3,500 to the PSECU Scholarship Fund on February 4, 2015.

PSECU e-Center Manager David W. Sikorski and PSECU University Development Manager Chris Rhine, along with MU students and PSECU interns Emily Shosh and Andrew Leidich, made the presentation to Mansfield University President Fran Hendricks.

PSECU has made an annual contribution to the fund since its campus branch was established in 2004. PSECU Scholarship recipients are returning students selected by the scholarship committee with preference given to credit union members.

"We truly appreciate the continued support of PSECU in the form of scholarships and the difference they make in our student's lives," Hendricks said. "We also appreciate PSECU sponsoring many events on campus

and in providing banking services to our campus community."

PSECU sponsors and supports several events at Mansfield, including the LUMA, or "Light Up Mansfield Again", celebration surrounding the first night football game each fall.

The PSECU e-Center is located in Manser Hall. The credit union also maintains an ATM in Alumni Hall.

(L-R) MU students and PSECU interns Emily Shosh and Andrew Leidich, MU President Fran Hendricks, PSECU University Development Manager Chris Rhine, PSECU e-Center Manager David W. Sikorski



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Mansfield University's PSECU campus branch was established in 2004.

Icing Smiles brings joy to Jalen

By **LORI ENGLE**
News Editor

On Sunday, February 15, Stephanie Thomas will be delivering a custom cake to Jalen at his home in Media, PA.

Stephanie Thomas, a Sugar Angel with Icing Smiles, is a local baker based out of Media, PA. Thomas will deliver her second Icing Smiles cake to Jalen. The cake is a custom-made SpongeBob cake. Jalen, who is turning seven, is struggling with many neurological and critical illnesses which include Microcephaly, Epilepsy, and Spastic Quadriplegia. February 16 will be the first time Thomas and the family will meet.

Thomas says she understands the importance of creating beautiful memories for children suffering from terrible diseases and their families.

"I feel it's important to give these children a chance to have a special cake and give their parents a little break. Also, just the good feeling you get when [you] see how it brightens the entire family makes it worthwhile!" says Thomas.

Delivering their first cake in 2010 to Violet, a 6-year-old battling brain cancer, Icing Smiles has since provided cakes to over 6,500 sick children nation-wide.

"We understand that the simple things, like a birthday cake, are luxuries to a family battling illness," said Tracy Quisenberry, founder and Executive Director for Icing

Smiles, "What we provide is so much more than cake. We serve up a reason to smile."

Icing Smiles is a non-profit organization that started in 2010 by Tracy Quisenberry. The organization was created to spread smiles with the help of caring local bakeries all over the country. The organization provides beautiful custom cakes and other treats for critically ill children and their families. It is through the generosity and time of these bakers, known as Sugar Angels. "For a family battling critical illness, a cake is a luxury. We try to provide a temporary escape for them from hospital doctors and all they deal with" says Cher Bork, the development manager for Icing Smiles.

Since their start, Icing Smiles has delivered an average of 200 children each month. They will celebrate the delivery of their 7,000 cake later this month.

There will be a follow-up article in the next issue of the Flashlight. For more information about visit www.icing smiles.org.

Do you love writing?
Join the Flashlight!
Meetings are Tuesdays
at 4:00 p.m.
Hope to see you there!



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Icing Smiles was established in 2010

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Letter to the editor:
The importance of religion

A surprising opinion was printed not once, but twice by the editor. I was disappointed to find no response by the second issue. I don't know if that is due to student apathy or the subject. I found the article, "Religion and Why the world needs to leave it in the past," to be lacking in substance and inflammatory in nature.

Let me respond with a little about my faith, with the hope that others will respond with examples of theirs. I believe that not only are religious beliefs relevant today, they are essential to making the world a better place to live.

What did my parents "brain-wash" me with? They taught me to be honest, true, and faithful. To respect women (which was easy, having five sisters), work hard, and serve others. I was taught that, "no other success can compensate for failure in the home." They taught me to seek out truth for myself.

Where would I be if they withheld their beliefs?

I belong to a religion founded upon a young man's desire to know for himself. He read in the Bible, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (James 1:5)

I believe he received a direct answer, and I have received my own. I respect anyone's agency to find out for themselves.

I don't believe science and religion are at war. Science is very good at explaining the natural world. It is observable and knowledge is gained by experimentation.

However, science does not make moral judgments or explain how to use the knowledge gained by it. It cannot prove existential truths, logical truths, historical truths, or experiences. It is open to falsification, meaning if new evidence is found, a previous theory or hypothesis would be proven false.

For instance, if one proved that all swans are white, then that would be a scientific fact, until someone found a black swan. Science cannot prove that God does not exist. It has to wait for further information, at best.

What does religion give me?

I believe it gives me meaning to life, a purpose, and knowledge of divine potential. Can one have that without religion? I think everyone has to answer that for themselves.

In my life, my faith has been a source of happiness. I would encourage others to seek after it, not eradicate it. Side note: The U.S. once had an expulsion or extermination order, Missouri Executive Order 44, on members of my faith. It was found to be unconstitutional... in 1976.

Why is my religion relevant today? I belong to an organization that responds faster than the government to national disasters. It provides supplies, food, and materials in times of need. It looks for ways to aid in long-term efforts after the initial shock has worn off and the news stations find another story to cover. They help people become self-reliant by teaching skills and providing resources for a self-sustained life. Other projects include: neonatal resuscitation training, clean water projects, food production and nutrition initiatives, wheelchair distribution, vision treatment, and childhood immunizations. This is made possible by donations. One hundred percent of donations to our humanitarian services department go directly to those in need, as it is a lay church. (No overhead, no pay, just volunteers.)

I have personally been involved in these service efforts when we cleared homes and business of mud after a flood in Chehalis, WA. Next time a disaster hits, you might look around for a volunteer wearing a yellow "Helping Hands" shirt.

How does this sound for organized crime? One that teaches people to be deeply moral individuals, highly educated, self-reliant, fiscally-responsible, hard-working, charitable, modest, and respectful. Please let me know of any organizations that do a better job of preparing a boy to become a man. What church do I belong to? I am a Mormon, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Robert D. Conrad
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PSECU Financial Corner: Simple Ways To Save

By EMILY SHOSH

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As Valentine's Day comes and goes, we often get caught up in celebrating our relationships with significant others and friends. This year, are you remembering to show your wallet some love, as well?

With days filled with classes, friends, club meetings, sports, and part-time jobs, you can quickly fall into wasteful spending habits. Here are some quick strategies for showing your wallet some love that you can easily start doing today.

- Ask for student discounts. Even places that don't advertise student discounts may have special student pricing. Anytime you are making a purchase, whether it's at a retail store close to campus or when you're booking your train or bus ticket home for break, ask if the company offers student

discounts. You may be surprised at how many hidden savings opportunities you can find.

- Use what you've already paid for. During the winter months, it's easy to start feeling lazy and forego the seemingly long walk to the cafeteria. However, spending money on food from fast food restaurants or pizza places adds up quickly. Even spending just \$10 a week on food would run you about \$150 to \$200 a semester (depending on how many weeks are in your semester). Multiply that by two semesters a year and you're looking at between \$300 and \$400 a year on food outside of your meal plan. Yikes.

- Take advantage of free events. Colleges typically have plenty of free events on campus. These can range from something as simple as a free non-cafeteria lunch if you attend a lecture, workshop or club meeting to something more exciting, like a movie night in an on-campus theater with free snacks included. Try swapping out one or two of your paid activities each week for one of these

free events. A free movie night alone may save you upwards of \$20 once you add up the cost of the ticket, transportation and snacks!

- Automate your savings. If you work part-time on or off campus, you may get paid via direct deposit. Even if you don't make much, you can set up your direct deposit so that part of your paycheck goes into savings each month. Setting aside just \$10 a month will add up to \$120 over the year, which may be just enough to keep you from going into debt if your car gets a flat tire or you need to buy new clothes for an interview.

While the savings from each of these individual strategies may not seem like much, when you combine and practice them on a regular basis, you will see your savings really climb. Start out with just one or two today – your wallet will thank you.

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The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life

By **LORI ENGLE**
News Editor

Daisy

I opened my eyes to look around. The room was pitch black. The last thing I remember, Daniel and I heard a noise downstairs. As we reached the bottom of the stairs, we were met by a giant bright light followed by a loud explosion. But now as I awake in this chair, I feel a mixture of anxiety and pain. The chair seemed metal, not like anything we have at home. The room smelled of saw dust mixed with the smell of something burning. I was definitely not at home anymore. I was taken, but to where? Just then I remembered, Daniel!

Daniel! I opened my mouth to call for my brother, but no sound came out. My throat was dry and sore. Every breath I took chiseled away the lining of my throat. I tried to move, to stand, but I could do nothing. My arms and legs were strapped down to the chair. Every inch of my body screamed in pain as the wire around my wrists and ankles cut at my skin. I could feel a slow smooth tingling feeling as blood trickled down my hand before falling to the floor. I was helpless, but most importantly I was alone.

I couldn’t just sit here like a damsel in distress. I had to do something. I had to get

out, to try and make a sound, to try and cry for help. Everything I tried just ended up in failure and disappointment. If I couldn’t get out, I had to at least figure out where I was. I moved my feet around to feel the surface of the ground. The ground was smooth like concrete yet still had tiny pebbles lying in random pieces around the floor.

As my eyes adjusted to the room, I could see a silhouette of the door across from me. The door rested an inch above the ground, allowing for some light to trickle into the room. There were no windows. The only other object in the room seemed to be a table against the far wall and an adjacent chair right in front of mine. Talk about your high-class interrogation room. My chair seemed to be right in the middle of the room. There was a squeaking sound just above me. I didn’t have to look up to clearly picture the swinging light above my head. The same light that in a moment I’m sure would be lit up to give me a single spotlight. A spotlight to my death. I watched many movies in my time. This is where the evil guy busts into the room and starts throwing around questions. I wonder if this was the final moment. Was this the moment that I discover who killed my parents? After I learn the truth, will I be killed? What will happen to Daniel? Most importantly, where was Daniel?

There was talking outside the door. They weren’t whispering, and if they were trying to whisper there were doing a terrible job at it. It sounded like two different voices. They were both men, one was obviously the leader while the other was the sidekick. One was the muscles and the other the brains. The only question that now lingered in my mind, which one was the leader, the brains or the muscles? For my sake, I was hoping it was the brains. It was slow and muffled but I could almost hear what they were saying. I tried to listen closer, hoping to get some questions answer. I wanted to know what they were talking about, but more importantly I wanted to know who they were and what they wanted with me? Just as I was tuning in on their conversation, they went silent. It felt like a lifetime had gone by before one of them spoke again.

“Did you bring them both?” A man’s voice broke the immediate silence. It sounded loud and demanding, almost scary.

“Well...there was a little problem...”

The second man spoke quietly, terrified for his life. If I was in his shoes, I would be terrified too.

“You didn’t get them both?” The man struggled to keep calm. The door shifted as he spoke. I could only imagine that he was leaning against it, which he no longer was. He must be the muscle. Leaning on the door

would make him less threatening. Now that he was standing up straight the other man must be scared for his life.

“It was too bright to see anything. Once the light disappeared, we couldn’t find the boy and the girl was putting up a fight. She killed Simon in the process.” His voice trembled with fear. Did I just hear him right? I killed someone? Wish I could remember how.

“So, what your saying is that you failed?”

The man’s voice roared with anger.

“I’m so sorry. I will do better next time.”

The other man seemed to plead for his life. Surely the man wouldn’t kill him for this minor mistake. Granted, it could have been a very crucial submission for their actual mission. I’m sure the man would give him a second chance to make everything right.

“I’m sure you will.” There was a sudden pause before a loud cracking sound. The door shifted vigorously before coming to a stop. A thud followed the silence as a shadow covered the light that was leaking in through the crack below the door. The sudden realization that there was some goodness in the man who had captured me quickly faded away. He had just killed a man for making a simple mistake of not capturing Daniel, too. After he was done with me, he would surely kill me.

The doorknob twisted with a screech as the door swiftly opened.

Horoscopes

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ARIES

March 21 - April 19

One or both of your parents play an important role in today’s events — even if they’re far separated by space or time. You may find that your ability to keep up is enhanced by their energy.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Your happiness is pretty well established today — even if circumstances seem pretty dire. Your inner life is chugging along pretty well, and that means things can get a lot better really soon.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

You save money on a major purchase today — but then you reconsider whether you even needed to buy anything. Sure, you feel cheap, but it’s not so bad if you can have a big stash for later.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Where did all this energy come from? It’s like someone flipped a switch and turned on your internal engines. You can get plenty done and have a great time while you’re at it. Things should start to heat up!

LEO

July 23 - August 22

You feel a natural warmth that keeps you positive — even if circumstances are dire. No matter what’s going on around you, it’s easy to find your center and work outward from there.

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

Friends help you through whatever is going on — even if it’s nothing more sinister than a boring day at work. Reach out to folks who know you well and see if they can spice up your day.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

You’ve got to keep your head down today — someone is gunning for you! The good news is that they’re sure to misfire badly unless you stand up and challenge them directly. Let them bury themselves.

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

You and your friends get into some topic pretty deeply — and it could end up changing your life! Your energy is perfect for making sweeping changes that improve almost every aspect of your existence.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

It’s a good day for flexibility — which could mean almost anything. Try not to worry too much about how things are going, as your energy is much better spent on adapting than fixing.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

You value new ideas over the same old, same old today — so make sure that you’re reaching out to folks who are thinking big about the future! It’s a good time to rethink your plans.

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

Stick to the schedule today — all those tempting distractions are sure to lead you down the wrong path. It may be kind of boring, but the kind of trouble you’d be inviting isn’t the fun kind.

PISCES

February 19 - March 20

There’s nothing facing you that can’t be solved with a little creative energy! You should find that you’ve got what it takes to shake up almost any situation so that it favors you in the long run.

TV Review: Peaky Blinders Season 1 Review and Recap

By **EVAN JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Peaky Blinders is a British television drama that originally aired and was only available to watch in the United Kingdom, until The Weinstein Bros. made a deal to have it air on Netflix.

The first two seasons are on Netflix as well as free on various websites online. The current versions of the DVDs and Blu-Rays are in a non-US format, so they will not play on most DVD players in the United States. The show is very loosely based on a gang in Small Heath, Birmingham, England.

The real life Peaky Blinders gang didn't keep razor blades in their caps because they were considered a luxury item and they existed in the 1890s but the first season takes place in 1919. Real life places are referenced in the show, most often out of them all is The Garrison pub. Some of the best scenes in the season take place in The Garrison. However, the show is for the most part fictional and historically inaccurate. Despite the historical inaccuracies, this show is one of the best television crime dramas that I have seen in recent years.

The story follows The Peaky Blinders gang that is run by Thomas Shelby and his brothers. All of them are WWI veterans and are no longer the men they were before the

war. Thomas is the main boss, but his brothers are very high up on the ladder. The gang garnered its name from the fact that they have razor blades sewn into their newsboy caps that they use as weapons to blind their opponents in fights by cutting their opponent's forehead and allowing the blood to pour down into their eyes, effectively blinding them.

We see the gang's rise to power and their attempt to become semi-legitimate businessmen because at the start of the series, all of their businesses are illegal. The gang deals with family issues, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), betrayals, war with other criminals, men that are higher up in the criminal food chain, the IRA, and an Inspector sent to Birmingham to search for missing guns. All of this leads to a climax that perfectly sets up the story for a second season, including a beautifully-plotted cliffhanger.

The cast consists of Cillian Murphy, who hauntingly portrays the calm but violent Thomas Shelby. The other members of the Shelby family are Arthur Shelby, John Shelby, Ada Shelby, and Aunt "Pol" Polly. Paul Anderson does an outstanding job of playing Arthur, the charismatically crazy eldest brother of the group. Joe Cole does a memorable job as John, who wants what is best for his family and is not as prone to violence as his older brothers but still deals his fair share of it. Sophie Rundle portrays the rebellious yet

somewhat-innocent younger sister of the gang who wants to be done with any relation to the family. Helen McCrory is captivating as Aunt Paul, the mother-figure of the family and one of the biggest contributors to the gang's decision-making. She accurately portrays the hardship of being a strong woman in a heavily male-dominated society.

Other characters are Chief Inspector Chester Campbell, Grace Burgess, and Freddie Thorne. Sam Neill portrays Chief Inspector Campbell, a violent hypocritical self-proclaimed god-fearing Inspector with his own inner demons and who is a straight-up pious dickhead. Annabelle Wallis does a wonderful job portraying the mysterious barmaid Grace who carries with her some heavy burdens and big secrets. Watching her deal with who she is loyal to is one of the best parts of the show. Iddo Goldberg portrays the stubborn and yet goodhearted Communist Freddie Thorne, who is the childhood friend of Thomas and who fought side-by-side in the trenches with him in WWI.

The way the character's deal with being home after the war is another one of my favorite parts of the show. It changed who they are and how they deal with problems that arise in their lives. All of them deal with it in different ways, some use drugs and others keep their feelings bottled up. This show has one of the most realistic and brutal

portrayals of the results of PTSD on a man's psyche. The use in the scene of memorable cinematography with breathtaking audio effects help to make the scene unnerving and the unbelievably great acting shows us what troubled war-hardened men are capable of when faced with the possibility of death. The scene involves one of the main character's using a spittoon as a blunt instrument like a rabid animal on a man's skull in a gritty fight after having flashbacks while being suffocated and almost being murdered by the man.

The first season is beautifully filmed and very stylish. It has rich colors among the dark ashy atmosphere as well as a funky soundtrack with fast-paced blues rock and songs from The White Stripes and The Raconteurs. The theme song is Red Right Hand by Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds. The music fits perfectly with the scenes that it is heard in. There are scenes that are filmed in a way that I have never scene be filmed anywhere else. Most notably a scene at The Garrison pub in episode five.

This show is unique in its own rite and is told in such a way that draws you in with captivating characters and an addicting storyline. Peaky Blinders is a must-watch for fans of great crime dramas and lovers of outstanding storytelling. The first season consists of only six episodes that you can watch in one or two days on account of it's thrilling fast-paced storytelling.

Recipe Column: Cinnamon Roll a-la-Microwave

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

Now that it has been a few weeks into the semester and the excitement of new classes has worn off, I never wake up early enough to have any time before classes to get breakfast at Einstein's or Lower Manser.

This week's recipe is a cinnamon roll in a cup in the microwave! Yes, cheers for a tasty, hot breakfast you do not have to leave your room for!

All you need to do is go to Walmart and buy your favorite brand of cinnamon rolls, I really like Pillsbury, but to each his (or her!) own, right? Anyway, make sure you get some tin foil too for storage.

The first thing you do to cook it, is get a bowl and one cinnamon roll out of the tube. You put the roll in the bowl or mug. Normally, I cook mine in a small Tupperware container because it is about the same size. So, now that your cinnamon roll is in a bowl, you put it in the microwave for about a minute, check it before you eat it.

You cannot eat a cinnamon roll without icing! That's just blasphemy! If you're like me, you will use up all the icing that comes with the tube of cinnamon rolls, because well, have you tasted that stuff? It's fantastic. Now you have to make yourself some homemade icing! You do this by adding about half a cup of powdered sugar and a teaspoon of water or milk. Stir it up then pour it on your delicious cinnamon roll!

Last, you wrap what is left of breakfast food. I usually leave the rolls in the tube and then wrap the tinfoil over it. Place the tube back in the fridge for the next time!

Word of the Week:

Valentine
[val-uh n-tahyn]; noun;
a card or message, usually amatory or sentimental but sometimes satirical or comical, or a token or gift sent by one person to another on Valentine Day, sometimes anonymously.

Quote of the Week:

"Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love."
-Albert Einstein

Lyric of the Week:

"Oh, I wanna dance with somebody, I wanna feel the heat with somebody, yeah, I wanna dance with somebody, with somebody who loves me"
-Whitney Houston

Fact of the Week:

In 1537, England's King Henry VII officially declared Feb. 14 the holiday of St. Valentine's Day.

Women's basketball wins 53-50

Freshman Brielle Kelly scored a game-high 21 points, including Mansfield's final nine points of the game, to lead a steadily improving Mansfield to a 53-50 win over Lock Haven before a regional television audience Saturday afternoon in Thomas Field House.

It was a huge win for a young Mountaineer team that had dropped 54-33 decision to Lock Haven two months ago at Decker Gymnasium and was their second PSAC East win in the last three games.

Mansfield trailed 40-33 midway through the second half but rallied behind sophomore point guard Tianna Jackson, who scored seven straight points over a ninety second span to tie the score at 40-40 on a 3-pointer. Katie Fitzpatrick's free throw put Mansfield up 41-40 with just under eight minutes to play.

Mansfield did an incredible job defensively down the stretch holding Lock Haven without a field goal for the final three-and-a-half minutes of the game.

With the game tied 50-50 with under a minute to play, senior Alyssa DeRichie drove the baseline and drew double coverage before finding an open Kelly in front of the basket for an easy layup and 52-50 lead.

Lock Haven missed a shot with 17 seconds left and Kelly, surrounded by four Bald Eagles players, pulled down the critical

rebound and was fouled. Kelly hit the first to give Mansfield a 53-50 lead and a 3-pointer by Lock Haven's Emily Daugherty with four seconds remaining was off the mark.

Mansfield played inspired from the start, scoring the first two points of the game on a layup by Kelly and used a 12-0 run midway through the first half, fueled by 3-pointers by Kelly and fellow freshman Melanie Taylor, to take a 22-10 advantage six minutes before the end of the first half.

Lock Haven rallied but Mansfield still held a 22-18 lead at halftime.

Mansfield, which committed a season-low 11 turnovers, won the game at the free throw line connecting on 15-of-20 attempts.

Kelly, who has scored in double-figures in each of the last four games, scored a season-high 21 points despite being hampered with four fouls for much of the second half. She just missed a double-double with nine rebounds and also had an assist, steal and blocked a shot.

Jackson added 16 points while Katie Fitzpatrick pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds while scoring seven points.

J.J. Hilliard topped Lock Haven with 13 points.

Mansfield will host Shippensburg on Wednesday.



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Kelly Fitzpatrick was named to the 1st team All-Central League honors in high school.

Mansfield competes in Geneseo Invitational

By HEATHER RITTER
Sports Editor

The mountaineers traveled to Geneseo, NY on Feb. 7 to compete in the last regular season meet, the Geneseo Invitational.

Mansfield fell short of the win with 166 points to Geneseo's winning 575, but the girls still put up a good effort.

Amanda Ernst finished second in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:07.65. She was only .13 seconds faster than Jenna Gibbons of Geneseo.

Abigail Zdancewicz also competed in the 100 backstroke, finishing with a time of 1:13.80.

Two freshmen, Candace Brown and Alexis Cable, finished in the top ten for the 50 freestyle.

Brown came in sixth place with a 26.27, .13 quicker than of Kristen Bormann from Geneseo. Cable was tenth place at 26.42, .06 seconds ahead of Sabia Filiaci of Oswego State College. Hilary Feudale wasn't far behind, finishing with a time of 26.97.

Samantha Masher set a new personal record with her 33.96 finish.

Brown, Cable, and Feudale also competed in the 100 freestyle, with Feudale finishing first out of the three girls with a person record of 58.66.



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This was senior Lauren Dorosh's final meet at Mansfield University.

Cable and brown weren't far behind, however. Cable finished with 1:01.13 and Brown was right next to her with a 1:01.60.

Connie Medura placed fifth in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:42.71. Marissa Gilbert turned in a time of 3:36.37.

Gilbert also turned in a time of 1:41.66 in the 100 breaststroke.

Kalley Raleigh and Lauren Dorosh added points for Mansfield in the 100 butterfly and the 500 free.

Raleigh turned in a time of 1:14.68 and Dorosh finished with a 6:03.69.

Mansfield will compete at the PSAC Championship Meet from Feb. 19-22 down in York, PA

Softball voted sixth place

After earning the first NCAA regional berth in school history, the Mansfield University softball team was picked to finish sixth in the PSAC Eastern division according to 2015 coaches' preseason poll.

The poll, which is voted on by the head softball coaches in the conference, was announced today by the PSAC office.

Bloomsburg was selected to finish first in the East receiving three of the eight first place votes. Shippensburg was picked to finish second in the East with West Chester and Lock Haven each respectively receiving a first place vote to round out the top four.

Kutztown is slated to finish fifth with Mansfield coming in behind them for the sixth position. Millersville and East Stroudsburg round out the East poll slated to finish seventh and eighth. California (PA) was picked to finish first on the West side receiving eight out of the nine first place votes.

Entering her 23rd season, Gallagher and the Mountaineers are coming off one of the most successful seasons in program history after earning a spot in the PSAC playoffs while also securing the first ever NCAA regional berth in school history.

The Mountaineers open the 2015 season on Feb. 20 when they take on Bowie State in Raleigh, N.C.

Men’s basketball takes on Millersville

Joe Bell saved his best until last.

Bell shrugged off a tepid first 40 minutes, scoring 13 of Mansfield’s 18 points in overtime to lift the Mountaineers to a thrilling 84-79 overtime win over Lock Haven in a crucial PSAC East game at Thomas Field House Saturday afternoon.

It was a must win for Mansfield, snapping a five-game losing streaking and keeping the Mountaineers playoff hopes alive with four games remaining in the regular season. A loss would have dropped Mansfield two games behind Lock Haven for the sixth and final playoff spot from the PSAC East.

Instead the win puts the Mountaineers ½ game behind the Bald Eagles and gives them the tie-breaker in any playoff scenario with the Bald Eagles after beating them both times this season.

“Everyone played hard,” said head coach Rich Miller who recorded his 127th win tying him with Tom Ackerman as the second-winningest coach in Mountaineer history. “We made a determination to attack

the rim in the second half and we did a good job of that by scoring inside and getting to the free throw line.”

Bell, who scored a career-low 2 points in a tough 60-56 loss to Millersville on Wednesday night, scored just six points in the first half at Lock Haven and had only 10 points at the end of regulation.

The senior came alive in overtime, scoring the Mountaineers first six points in the extra period including hitting a 3-pointer a minute into OT to give Mansfield a 72-67 advantage.

Lock Haven closed to 72-70 on a 3-pointer by Al Blount before Andreas Katopodis put the Mountaineers up by five again with a 3-pointer at the two minute mark.

Lock Haven pulled to 75-74 on a layup by Bootsie Walker with 1:44 left but a pair of Bell free throws with a minute to go put Mansfield up 77-74. Lock Haven made it a one point game again 12 seconds later on a pair of free throws by Wali Hepburn.

Bell rose to the challenge one more time, drilling a 3-pointer with 31 seconds to play for a 80-76 Mansfield lead and the Mountaineer defense, despite missing starting point guard Thomas Moore who fouled out earlier in OT, held Lock Haven without of field goal for the last 1:44 of the game.

The contest was close throughout, featuring 23 ties or lead changes.

Lock Haven held a seven point lead early in the game and took a 34-29 advantage into halftime.

The Bald Eagles extend that advantage to 41-33 two-and-a-half minutes into the second half before Mansfield countered with a 14-1 run over the next five minutes taking a 47-42 lead on a layup and ensuing free throw by Kamil Parzych with just under thirteen minutes to play.

Mansfield held a 64-62 lead when Moore hit a jumper with 1:11 in regulation but four straight free throws by Hepburn put Lock Haven back into the lead at 66-64 with 31 seconds left.

Charles Pemberton hit a jumper 10 seconds later to tie the game at 66-66 and Hepburn missed a jumper at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Mansfield was clutch in overtime connecting on 66.7% of its shots from the floor including 3-of-4 3-pointers – including two from Bell.

Bell’s 23 points gives extends his career all-time scoring record to 1,858 points. Pemberton recorded a double-double scoring 21 points and pulling down a game-best 14 rebounds while shooting 8-10 from the floor. Ralik Wise added 16 points and seven rebounds while Katopodis scored 11 points.

Hepburn led all scorers with a game-high 28 points for Lock Haven. He made just 5-of-19 from the floor but was 16-of-17 on free throw attempts. Bootsie Walker had a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Mansfield hosts Shippensburg University at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, directly following the 5:30 p.m. women’s game.

Kelly named PSAC Athlete of the Week

After leading Mansfield to a thrilling conference victory at Lock Haven on Saturday, Brielle Kelly has been named both PSAC East Athlete of the Week and Freshman of the Week.

It marks the second straight week that Kelly has earned PSAC East Freshman of the Week accolades.

Kelly played a critical role in the Mountaineers’ exhilarating 53-50 victory at Lock Haven, scoring a game-high 21 points including the final nine points of the game. The rookie went 8-of-16 from the floor, including a trey, while adding four free throws. Kelly was just one rebound shy of a double-double for the third straight game.

Saturday’s victory was Mansfield’s second in three game and third of the season.

On Wednesday, Kelly notched a then career-high 17 points as the Mounties were edged by Millersville 83-72 at Decker Gymnasium. The forward connected on an incredible 13-of-16 attempts from the free throw line in the loss.

Kelly ranks second on the team in both scoring (10.1 ppg) and rebounding (5.7 rpg) this season.

The Mountaineers host Shippensburg on Wednesday at First Citizens Community Bank Court at Decker Gymnasium.



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Bell scored 41 points, the most points in his career,against Millersville on Jan. 11 2014.



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In high school, Kelly was the second leading scorer in school history with 1,404 points.

Have a suggestion for February’s *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to Heather Ritter at flashlit@mansfield.edu by February 20th.

Men’s basketball seeks playoff berth in final games

Hold on to your hats because it’s about to get wild out there.

The final weeks of the PSAC regular season are upon us and the Mansfield University men’s basketball team is back in the thick of the race for a playoff berth from the PSAC East after the Mountaineers heart-stopping 84-79 overtime win at Lock Haven on Saturday.

With just four games remaining in the regular season, including this Wednesday’s key matchup with Shippensburg on First Citizens Community Bank Court at Decker Gymnasium, every possession of every game will be important for the Mountaineers as they battle four other teams for one of the remaining playoff berths.

Mansfield snapped a four-game losing-skid and thrust itself back into the playoff picture in Saturday’s win at Lock Haven. The victory gives the Mountaineers a 2-0 record against the Bald Eagles this season and with it the tiebreaker for a playoff spot.

With East Stroudsburg, Kutztown and West Chester already clinching spots, the Mountaineers will be battling with Shippensburg, Millersville, Lock Haven and Bloomsburg for one of the remaining playoff



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Bell was a 1,000 point scorer at Pottsgrove high school.

berths.

Mansfield will face a critical test when they host a hot Shippensburg team this Wednesday evening. Shippensburg, which has five games remaining, is two games ahead of the Mountaineers in the win column and won the first meeting between the two programs 75-71 at Shippensburg a month ago.

In addition to Shippensburg, the

Mountaineers are at Bloomsburg on Feb. 14 before hosting East Stroudsburg on Feb. 21. They wrap up the season at West Chester on Feb. 25.

Mansfield also trails Millersville by two games in the win column but have suffered two close losses to the Marauders this season and would lose the tiebreaker.

The Mountaineers are currently ½

game behind Lock Haven for the sixth and final playoff spot from the East but hold the tiebreaker with the Bald Eagles after winning both games this season.

Bloomsburg is one game behind both Mansfield and Lock Haven win column with Mansfield beating the Huskies at Decker Gymnasium earlier this season.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
13 -TRACK at GVSU Big Meet	14 -TRACK at GVSU Big Meet & Colgate University -Women’s and men’s basketball at Bloomsburgh University at 1 & 3 p.m.	15	16	17	18 -SWIM PSAC championships	19 -SWIM PSAC championships
20 -SWIM PSAC championships -Baseball v. Mercyhurst University @ noon -Softball v. Bowie State University and Lees-McRae College @ 3 & 5 p.m.	21 -SWIM PSAC championships -Baseball v. Post Uni. and Concordia College @ 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. -SB v. Fairmont State Uni and Queens College @ 1 & 5 p.m. - Women’s & men’s bball v. East Stroudsburg Uni. @ 1 & 3 p.m.	22 -SWIM PSAC championships -TRACK @ Kane Invitational -SB v. Virginia Union Uni. @ 11 a.m. -Baseball v. Alderson Broaddus Uni @ 1 p.m.	23	24	25 -Women’s and men’s basketball at West Chester University @ 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.	26

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Sycamore to provide co-ed living and drinking privileges



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Sycamore Hall located between Oak Hall and Pinecrest Manor opened in October of 2014, to be a four story suit style complex.

By **LORI ENGLE**
News Editor

Mansfield University is making Sycamore hall a 21 and older co-ed resident hall in hope to bring experience to student.

Chuck Colby put this new look on the resident halls in terms that everyone can understand. He says, "It's what we like to call 'experience real world 101'."

Starting next semester, Sycamore will allow for students who are 21 years or older to drink within the security of their own rooms. This will also allow students to live with whoever they wish,

whether that means girls living with girls, boys living with boys, or boys and girls living together.

Many on-campus students wonder what this will mean for them. The price of Sycamore will stay the same. There will be no new restrictions on getting into the building. The same rules apply about students who don't live in the building as Spruce, Hickory, and Oak.

But with a great privilege come more responsibility, as there will be many new rules that students will have to follow. Abiding by the state's law, students who are 21 and older will not be allowed to

supply alcohol to other students that are underage. If there is a noise complaint, and alcohol is involved, police are allowed to ask for identification from everyone that is present in the offending room.

Colby mentioned that this new resident hall will not allow students to drink within the common areas of the resident hall — just behind the closed doors of their rooms.

There will be programs the Resident Assistants of the buildings will be designing to prepare students for post-graduate living. They hope that their programs will ready students for the move from campus life to the real world.

"There are many students who don't know anything about leases, insurance, or how to balance their money. We are hoping that with these new programs students will learn the essentials for living," Colby says.

With Sycamore taking on a different direction, the rest of the residential buildings will stay the same. Spruce will remain the Greek Housing resident hall. Hickory will be for first-year students. Oak will also be a first-year student resident hall with the rest of the rooms being filled with upper-classmen who do not want to live in Sycamore or Spruce.

Jalen's birthday from Icing Smiles was a success



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHER BORK
Jalen turned 7 last on February 15, 2015.

By MIRANDA SHULLER
Features Editor

Icing Smiles is an organization that bakes cakes for children and their siblings who are affected by critical illnesses.

Icing Smiles is located in Ellicott City, Md. and serves children in all 50 states. There are even chapters in Holland and Canada too. Recently, Stephanie Thomas was requested to bake a cake for a young boy named Jalen. Thomas "knew this was going to be a special experience for [herself] and Jalen's family, but [she] didn't know how special it would be."

The cakes are absolutely cost-free to the family. One of the 6,800 volunteers donate their time, money, and resources to provide their delectables. More than 200 cakes are baked and donated each month to children who are in need of some cheer.

With more than 85 administrative volunteers, hundreds of volunteer hours are spent each week on the organization's management, operations, and development. Icing Smiles works with more than 170 partner organizations.

You might wonder why all of these people would donate their time to the cause. They feel as though they are baking to make a difference. Even Thomas was "so excited to receive the email asking to bake a cake for Icing Smiles!... [She] couldn't wait to start coming up with the design...[or] to see the smile on Jalen's face on delivery day."

Thomas was Jalen's Sugar Angel for his seventh birthday this past Sunday, February 15, 2015. Jalen, who is struggling with many neurological and critical illnesses which include Microcephaly, Epilepsy, and Spastic Quadriplegia, received a mouth-watting and jaw-dropping SpongeBob SquarePants themed cake.

Not only are the volunteers excited about the cause, but parents are as well. Jalen's mom, Jen Skerritt, was "blown away by the beautiful cake." Such a small act of kindness can lift a child's spirits. "It was so kind and thoughtful," said Skerritt. She was "so grateful to Stephanie."



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This is Stephanie Thomas's first cake for Icing Smiles.

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Career Center: Picking the perfect summer job

By ANTHONY WILCOX
Flashlight Contributor

Summer is approaching! The bitter cold will be no more, and waking up early doesn't have to be a routine. Although all of this sounds heartwarming and delightful, most of us will have the tragedy of working a summer job.

As college students, both you and I should be looking into jobs that not only make us a couple bucks but also benefit us from the things we learn. Try to find a job that will benefit you in the future or that has some correlation to your intended plans.

There are many different ways to approach this idea. Think of it this way, summer jobs are a way to experiment. Apply to many places, maybe even places that just appeal to your interests. Before you take the job ask yourself,

"will I gain knowledge here that I could use in the future?"

College gets expensive and summer is the time to save money for next semester. Don't just flip burgers all summer. Instead, flip burgers and gain knowledge!

You can learn a lot of valuable information from summer jobs. It teaches you basics of how to handle your money, it teaches you different problem solving skills, and it also teaches you how to communicate. Take out the extra couple minutes out of your day and apply to those places where you might strike an interest or follow your career plans.

Instead of just making money over the summer, tackle an opportunity to gain valuable insight that can be used in the future. Even though school's out for summer, it doesn't mean that you can't learn!

Director of Public Relations Resigns from SGA as a whole

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) Director of Public Relations, Jared Weist, resigned from SGA as whole.

He resigned saying that was for reasons of his own personal matters. Weist said, “SGA is not an adequate representation of the student body.”

The Student Government Association Vice President wanted to make a policy change to add line 16 to Article 1 Section 3 Subsection A.

The line would add; the President of SGA would have the rights to remove any executive board member including the Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Director of Public Relations, and the Director of Technology. Proposed removal of any SGA members will also require the approval of the SGA Vice President.

The motion failed after a very long discussion back and forth ultimately leading to the conclusion that this is the reason why there is the impeachment process.

SGA plans on having their first Hot Chocolate Friday on 2/13/15 ***check date and do Month, day#, year

Currently the SGA allocated account balance stands at \$47,000 and the unallo-

cated is at \$71,000. The CoF Capital account is at \$255,000.

Most recently, SGA Treasurer, Alex Bock, remarked that the Student Government Association will not be receiving as much funding they have the past few years.

The Student Government Association has been receiving about \$2 million a year, but due to recent student enrollment? Decline, SGA will only be receiving 1.8 million dollars.

SGA also approved the English Scouts to be a funded organization.

The campus-wide health initiative is going great. There has been 133 people sign up for the event and started tracking their progress.

Phi Sigma Kappa went to SGA to see if the Student Government Association would sponsor the Winter Feast. Phi Sigma Kappa will be collaboratively hosting the event with the collaboration with SGA.

The motion was passed and now the request will be sent over CoF to be approved or not for the rough amount of \$700 for supplies.

The Accepted Student Day that is slated for April 25. There will be laser tag and other smaller games for students to come and play.

Student Government Association Ad-

visor Dr. Bridges Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management said “We are all over the place with Roberts Rules of Order.”

Which the organization was there were letting people speak out of turn and allowing others to speak out of turn. Also allowing the public to speak when not allowed. Don’t care, add more or lose it.

SGA will be hosting RED Fridays, RED stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. Every Friday wear the color red to show support to our servicemen and servicewomen and to let them all know that we have not forgotten them and appreciate their sacrifice to our country.

On April 3, 2015 we want to have the entire campus show their support by wearing red. And we also are having a photo taken on the football field that day of all the students, faculty and staff that come out



to support. Wearing the color red will also show school pride and support of our University.

There will be free t-shirts and food at the football field on the 3rd of April.

This is a collaborated effort between SGA and one of Mansfield’s students, Cecil Cooper.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
20 - 9 p.m. Friday Night Movies at The Hut	21 -9:45 a.m. Admissions Saturday Preview - 3 p.m. Matthew Levine and Erin Haafke, Junior Voice Recital - 7:30 Mark Snyder, Guest Artist Recital	22 - 11 a.m. Steve Shade, Senior Piano Recital - 2:30 p.m. MU Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert	23 - UCM Chow with the Chaplains at noon - 8:00 p.m. Monday Recreation Game Night at The Hut	24 - 8 p.m. United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 8 p.m. Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	25 - 11:30 a.m.Workshop: Testing and Studying Strategies - 8 p.m. Weekly Open Mic Night at The Hut	26 - 11:30 a.m.Workshop: Testing and Studying Strategies - 8 p.m. Weekly Live Entertainment Night at The Hut
27 - 9 p.m. Friday Night Movies at The Hut	28 - Sax Studio Recital - Kyle Rusk, Junior Piano Recital - Jazz Band and X-ray Big Band Concert at Deane Center	1	2 - UCM Chow with the Chaplains at noon - 8:00 p.m. Monday Recreation Game Night at The Hut	3 - 8 p.m. Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	4 - 8 p.m. Weekly Open Mic Night at the Hut	5 - 4 p.m. Poetry & Ecojustice: A Reading and Discussion -- 8 p.m. Weekly Live Entertainment Night at The Hut

Letter to the Editor: The Age of Aquarius

In response to Dean's article on religion, I agree to the premise of his topic in leaving religion behind and moving on.

In this day and age exists a society that have evolved into the likings of knowledge in all fields imaginable. Just to name a few Spirituality, New Age Occult, Scientology, Metaphysics. and etc. People are starting to wake up to this new age of knowledge which in astronomical terms is known as the Age of Aquarius. The prior age that society have recently transitioned from was known the Age of Religion and in astronomical terms the Age of Pisces.

It is believed that the Mayans seen the coming of the end of the Age on December, 21st 2012 and that ending was the Age of Pisces (Religion.) The issue that many people fail into doing is grasping the codes and meanings while ignorantly believing what they read word for word. In doing this, society fails at interpreting what the actual meaning behind the prophetic words the Mayans left thousands of years ago are.

People who follow religious texts such as the bible or the Quran misconstrues and misperceives the actual allegory of events to come — taking each word literally. This, in turn, keeps people closed minded, believing their religion is better than others and what is written in their religious texts is absolute truth. This religious divide keeps people divisible amongst each other. God out there up in the sky or in the universe believes his creation of people are to be divided amongst each other with different beliefs. This leads to a couple questions: What is religion? and Where did the worlds leading religion Christianity come from?

I remember waking up, or as the popular phrase is used, I had a "spiritual awakening" to the age of Aquarius in early 2013, snapping me away from the age of religion in late 2012 where I was once a devout Christian.

I vividly remember towards the end

of 2012 I was questioning the whole Jesus Christ thing, the existence of a male God up in a heaven where there are physical manifestations, angels, and a whole bunch of stuff that required much questioning. It was at this point I evolved into being more open-minded and using more the right hemisphere of my brain.

Shortly after I graduated Mansfield University in December of 2012 with my B.S., I went home for a year and a half. While at home throughout half of 2013 and most of 2014 I began to sporadically run across many people who all walked in the name of truth and spirituality. Time after time as I ran into these people, whether it was in South Jersey somewhere, or Philadelphia I would garner different pieces of knowledge. I first began understanding the truth of Christian mythology for what it was and how it became. After learning different pieces from people and what I read in books, I came to the conclusion that Christianity, as it is today, was actually brought on by the Nicaea council under the rule of Constantine in 325 A.D. to govern and control the masses in believing that Jesus and God were the same.

Before the meeting of the Nicaea Council, which consisted of over a hundred bishops from all over the area, the Christian ideology and its unorganized principles were scrambled which left people confused about the existence and divinity of God and Jesus. From the Nicaea Council came Easter, which was set aside from the Jewish representation of it. What people fail to realize is that religious holidays such as Easter and Christmas are Pagan traditions that connect back to the Cosmos. Christmas time deals with the sun hovering low beneath the earth on the 22nd of December, and then, three days later on the 25th, it rises to its highest point in the cosmos. This is related to Jesus (figuratively speaking about the sun) rising above the horizon on the third day; which also relates to Jesus dying then rising on the third day from his stone tomb on Easter.

The Europeans distorted much of the Ancient Egyptians knowledge of science, metaphysics, and cosmic astronomical order and events of the planets into religious figurative images, themes, and stories as the bible interprets. Over the past two years since my spiritual awakening to all of the knowledge I have been gaining since the beginning of the Age of Aquarius in late 2012/early 2013 I've come to learn that these created modern religions which are no older than just few thousand years ago to keep the masses in divisions while losing out on the true purpose of self which is to know thyself by having a knowledge of self.

The true latin definition of Religion is "Relegare". The root word "Re" means back and "Ligon" means to hold, to link, to bind." The true meaning of old time religion means to link back and bind back to the true purpose of self. Truthfully, religion is the study of self and as many spiritualist would say "religion is the understanding of the universe within you, meaning God lives within you. What many Christians also fail to realize is that when the bible says God is within you, the kingdom of heaven is within you and that we must be more God-like as we were created in the image of God. They are missing the important truth that the verses are saying we are spiritual divine beings whom come from the universe above and we were created within the universe in the universe's image. If you read the verses in the bible word for word you will miss the metaphorical and allegorical meanings in it explaining how God is the universe in many forms and the planets, stars and so forth were created in the universe within the universe in its image as so were we. Just as God is mysterious in the bible so is the universe a mysterious creator of life and the unknown. When you read the verses of the bible too literal you will miss those essential points of truth which lay right before your eyes.

Most of what we have read about Jesus Christ and the people of the bible are distortions from ancient mythology such as the

Egyptian gods and Greek gods. For instance, the Egyptian God Auset (Osiris), Goddess Asar (Isis) and son Heru is the original story of Joseph, Mary and baby son Jesus. Not only did the ancient Egyptian texts and spiritual deities predate the Christian mythological religious stories found in the bible but the bible's actual point of reference consists of distorted information which comes from the Metu-Neter, coffin texts, and pyramid texts thousands of years ago when there were no such thing as a Jesus Christ or the letter "J". In fact, most of what is known about religion today are all representations of metaphysics and the cosmos. It's not society's fault for being so lost and caught up in the illusions of religion nor is it their fault taking the bible literally.

It's those higher forms of religious authority, such as the Vatican, the trilateral commission, and bildenberg who control the media. The media in return distorts false information to the masses who then believe word for word and whatever is being displayed to them via books, newspapers, television, radio and so on. This has been a method which has been used over the past thousands of years beginning with the Roman Catholic church, Nicaea Council and many others.

The key to life is knowledge of self. No structure of modern religion as it is today can help you into your true purpose. Finding your true purpose begins when you find your hidden mystery systems which lies right within the spirit. This can be achieved through meditation, reading Gnostics texts of the divine purpose of spirit, balancing your chakras through eating the right foods, and spreading good karma by loving others and treating others right. When you have done you will know your spiritual and divine self which is God,

Namaste.

Josh Pollitt
Mansfield '15

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cannot take all the students to all the places. The only way to be sure we all stay safe is to move classes online for a few days, but that won't happen, so we should bundle up in a scarf, hat, coat, boots, and do our best to keep the roads clear.

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PSECU Financial Corner: Preparing for Off Campus Costs

By **EMILY SHOSH**
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Staff Writer

Whether you have already chosen to live off campus next year, are considering it for another school year in the future, or are about to graduate and move out on your own, there are some things you should do to make sure that you don't get yourself into financial trouble once you've made the move.

Oftentimes, before you move into an apartment, you're required to pay a security deposit. A security deposit is typically the cost of one month's rent and is paid to the landlord in order to protect them from the cost of damage the tenant(s) may cause to the apartment. If you are required to pay a security deposit, make sure you know the terms and conditions. You'll want to make sure you understand what you'll have to do to get the deposit back, such as an apartment

inspection upon moving out. You will also want to document any existing damage to the apartment to make sure that you don't get charged for it in the future. Be sure you keep records of any money you pay to the landlord by getting a copy of the cashed check from your financial institution or the receipt, if you paid by money order. Think twice before paying in cash, as it isn't quite as easy to track. If you do pay in cash, make sure you get a written receipt from the landlord so that you have documentation of the payment.

In addition to your monthly rent, you will want to prepare for the cost of utilities such as water, sewer, trash, electric and/or gas. Take time to review the lease agreement to see who is responsible for paying each utility. Once you know what you're responsible for paying, you can contact utility companies, your landlord, or past tenants to ask what the average monthly cost is for each utility. If you find that heating costs in the winter

tend to cause electric and/or gas bills to increase substantially, you can ask your utility companies about budget plans, which help to even out the cost of utilities each month. You should talk to your utility companies and roommates to determine if this is a good choice for you.

Before moving into your apartment, you may also want to consider creating a written agreement with your roommates as to how you will manage your joint bills. Your landlord may accept multiple checks for rent or want everyone to pay on one check. You'll need to determine whose name will go on the utilities. You'll also need to decide if you're going to purchase a cable or Internet plan. In addition, you'll need to discuss potential cost sharing for furniture, groceries and household necessities such as paper towels.

If you have a car, make sure you understand any parking requirements or restrictions that are put in place by either your

landlord or the township in which you live if you're planning to park on the street. Also factor in any increased cost for maintenance, insurance and gas if you are bringing a car with you for the first time and are not used to these costs.

Planning ahead and understanding the full expense of living off campus during school or after graduation will allow you to create a spending plan that will keep you on track financially.

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TV Review: Peaky Blinders Season 2 Recap

By **EVAN JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Peaky Blinders season two is a lot more mature than the first.

There is more violence, sex, and all-around more adult in nature than the previous season. There’s more action — allowing the viewers to dig even deeper into the lives of the Shelby clan. The head of the clan, Thomas, continues to fight for power in the English criminal underworld and expand his empire.

Two years have passed since the end of last season and this season starts off with a bang, literally. An explosion at one of the Peaky Blinders’ favorite hangouts sparks a storyline that causes the tables to be turned on Thomas. Instead of being the master, he is now the puppet.

All of this happens when the family is beginning its expansion to London in an attempt to become wider recognized in the illegal bookmaking society. The other main people in control of the bookmaking are the Italian and Jewish gangs, run by Darby Sabini and Alfie Solomons, respectively. Along with these new faces, old faces emerge from the past that create a crisis for the Peaky Blinders — making this the best season so far.

There are a lot of familiar faces from the first season. Cillian Murphy is on top of his

game as the intelligent and violently troubled Thomas Shelby. He has become more introverted and cynical this season as a result of the events occurring last season.

Paul Anderson seems to be having a great time playing Arthur Shelby, who is even more unhinged and more unpredictable than last season. Joe Cole does a bang-up job portraying John Shelby, who seems to be the most clear-headed out of all the brothers this season.

Sophie Rundle once again does a great job playing Ada Shelby, who is more out-spoken this season. She is fevershly vying for her independence from the Shelby family name. Aunt “Pol” Polly, the strong but guilt-ridden head female of the Peaky Blinders played by Helen McCrory, continues to turn heads. Her past is exposed more this season than last as well.

Sam Neill returns as Chester Campbell and is even more despicable and hypocritical than last season. He is just too good at being a villain. His sadistic personality and personal deviancies make the head of the Darby Sabini seem like a teddy bear in comparison.

Speaking of Darby Sabini, he is one of the many new faces this season that is great to see and well written. Noah Taylor is evil in human form as he portrays the paranoid head of the Sabini gang, Darby Sabini.

Tom Hardy is unbelievably amazing and one of my favorite new characters as the brutal yet eerily charismatic leader of the Jewish gang, Alfie Solomons. Tom Hardy’s dark yet sometimes unnaturally humorous portrayal of Alfie Solomons makes him a delight to watch. It is a shame he does not have a bigger part in the show.

Tom Hardy’s real life wife, Charlotte Riley, portrays another new character, May Carleton. She’s a widowed high class horse trainer who meets Thomas by circumstance and is almost instantly drawn to his dark presence that sparks a feeling of temptation in her.

The last, but certainly not least of all the new characters is a new member of the Shelby family that I cannot divulge because of spoilers. I can say that he is artistically portrayed by newcomer Finn Cole and does a great job in providing a sense of stable innocence to the violent and wild Shelby family. I can’t wait to see this character develop more.

Unlike the last season, this season doesn’t focus on the effects of WWI on the Shelby clan, but it is mentioned occasionally. This season focuses more on relationships between the family members as they try to climb the ladder in the violent business in the hopes of one day becoming a respectable one-hundred percent legal business empire. There are many

obstacles that the Peaky Blinders must go through before they can even hope to obtain that status. Personally, I think they just enjoy being criminals too much to ever go legitimate in any business.

The soundtrack has changed from last season too. The theme song is still Red Right Hand by Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds but this season’s soundtrack consists mainly of PJ Harvey and The Arctic Monkeys. Both of which do their own renditions of Red Right Hand that are on the soundtrack. The soundtrack is less funky, but still has moments where the fast-paced blues rock appears at the right moment.

With all the changes, it is important to note what is the same. The unique camera work, most notably when some of the characters are on drugs, are reminiscent to the camera work from last season. Also the rich colors among the dark landscape and engrossing storytelling make this season stand out on its own while at the same time sticking with the same things that made the first season so greatly unique. The things that changed and the things that remained the same are just some of the few factors that make this excellently-plotted season a little better than the first season. Just like the amazing first season, there are only six episodes that could be watched in a day if one were so inclined.

Recipe Column: Quesadilla and Potatoes!

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

This week we are making quesadillas and baked (sweet) potatoes in the microwave!

This quick but easy meal is both filling and somewhat nutritious. This is a recipe that has so many options, it is based on what you enjoy.

Just get a pack of whole wheat tortillas from Walmart or where ever you do your shopping, some reduced-fat cheese, and already grilled chicken, ham, or whatever you’d like. You might want to pick up a tomato, jalapeño, or some salsa, as well.

After you put whatever you’d like on the tortilla, you microwave it for about 30 seconds to a minute, depending how you like your cheese melted. Now instead of walking all the way into town in the middle of the night to the Hungry Monkey, you can make your own personal quesadilla!

You know that century old tale about having to boil or bake a potato before you can do anything with it? Well now I’m going to introduce you to the microwave potato. All you have to do is puncture the potato (sweet or other) a few times with a fork and the cook for about 12 minutes or until it is soft. After it’s soft you can put whatever you’d like on it. I use brown sugar and sour cream, but you could use whatever you’d like for example, black beans, avocado, or Greek yogurt.

Enjoy these great snacks!

Word of the Week:

Equanimity
noun; equa·nim·i·ty

1. calm emotions when dealing with problems or pressure

Quote of the Week:

“Accept who you are, unless you are a serial killer.”

-Ellen DeGeneres

Lyric of the Week:

I told you when you asked, I knew this wouldn’t last, At least I could be honest about that, and now you’re telling everyone, how I only did you wrong, I guess you never knew me at all

-Every Avenue

Fact of the Week:

Barry Manilow who is known for the *Copacabana* muscial also wrote State Farm’s “Like a Good Neighbor” Jingle.

The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life

By **DEAN LEE**
Editor-in-Chief

Officer Holderman

Staring at a black computer screen I try to figure out what my next move will be. I know I have to catch this guy, he has killed two people and kidnapped another.

After a long almost-20-hour shift Officer Holderman called his wife at home.

“I’m not going to be coming home to-night, it’s going to be a long night.”

“You have been out since eight yesterday morning, come home and rest.”

“I’m sorry, but I can’t do that.”

The phone went silent as Officer Holderman put the phone back on the receiver.

Getting up he went over to the only sofa in the police station and laid down.

But sleep wouldn’t come. It had been a long night and my insomnia won’t end until I find the guy who did this.

As I lay there thinking about the possibilities, I start to doze off. The coffee that I have been drinking must’ve worn off.

I am stirred by the whirling of alarms and sirens going off in the station finally waking up to Officer Jackson staring at me.

Officer Jackson said that he has been trying to get me up for an hour now. As I start to slowly come to my senses, I notice I’m not in the station anymore.

The alarms and sirens were coming from outside, where I happened to wake up. I splayed out there on a gurnee facing the police station.

The police station was in a blaze, fire was coming out from all directions. Firefighters were rushing in to the building to see if there is anyone else in there.

There shouldn’t be, it was just me and the new dispatcher, Carol. She’s a nice lady, from Detroit, I think. She has only been there for a few weeks, but she was a fast learner.

Two men were approaching me. Even though all I could see was silhouettes, I knew who they belonged to — Detectives Amidon and Miller — two of the biggest slugs in the whole office.

They get off by pushing the other officers around. Like they know how to do their jobs, anyway. I prepare myself as they continue to strut over to me.

Right before they begin to speak, Officer Jackson comes running over with a cellphone in his hand. I ask him who it is and he said

my wife was calling because she just caught wind of the fire.

I pick up the phone and coolly say “hello.” My wife was so frantic and loud, I had to hold the phone away from my ear so as not to puncture my own eardrum.

After 20 minutes of telling her that I was fine, I hung up the phone. Moments after, Detective Miller started to question me about what I was doing in the station and who was there. You know rookie interrogation questions.

I kept pretty calm, considering I almost was eaten by the flames. But their persistent inquiries of something I knew nothing about was wearing on my last nerve.

They told me that Carol was not around and wondered if I knew, but I told them “How should I know, I fell asleep, then get to wake up to your beautiful mugs.”

They ignore my jab, and then ask me about the suspicious note in my jacket. All I remember about my jacket is that it was lying on the chair next to the sofa.

I was hoping that the paramedics would save me from my inquisitors, so I could have an excuse not to talk to them, and sure enough, like clockwork, they came to my aid.

The paramedics advised the detectives

that I needed to rest up before any more questioning. I even feigned being ill so they’d buzz off.

Worried, the medics hurried me in the back of the ambulance and slammed the doors. As we pulled away I couldn’t help but think of the note.

Letters to the Editor are accepted and encouraged! Tell us your thoughts on any article or topic of interest!



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Horoscopes

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ARIES

March 21 - April 19

Your work may come first today — even before your friends or family! Sometimes that’s just a sacrifice you’ve got to make, but things may get dicey with one person in particular.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Your great energy helps you cement your plans into big wins. You may have to help a friend who lags behind, but this good deed is sure to be rewarded sevenfold in the next two weeks.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

The real communication is going on under the surface today — make sure that you’re paying attention! The undercurrents are intriguing, but they’re also pretty easy to misinterpret.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Your social life is a little harder than usual today, if only because you can’t quite project your typical demeanor. Someone gets confused early on, but you can set them straight with a few quiet words.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

Your self-respect is through the roof today— you don’t take guff from anyone! More importantly, you pursue your dreams with a new vigor, so make sure that you’re pushing yourself harder.

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

You’re a hard worker when you need to be — and today, all that work is paying off in a big way! You may win an award or just praise from the right person. Things are really working out!

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

You run into an old problem once again — though it may not be as fearsome this time around, In fact, you may even be able to dispose of it once and for all if you look at it dispassionately.

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

It’s a good time for keeping secrets — even the fiercest interrogation is easy for you to resist. Things are sure to get even better for you as you push ahead. Relax and let others sweat it this time.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

Financial issues are all-important right now, so try to get yourself in a good place to deal with them quickly. Your mental energy is perfect for planning and handling all the tiny details.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

You finally get the recognition that has been coming for far too long. Your great energy helps you to push toward something new and wonderful, so get started in a new direction.

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

You have got to keep a lid on your feelings today — and you also have to avoid distraction at all costs. Your energy is best spent on finding new ways to keep focused. You can do this!

PISCES

February 19 - March 20

You’ve got it easy today — so make sure that you’re spreading the joy around as much as possible. Things may start to get a little weird later in the day, but you can make them work without any trouble.

Hoefer breaks school record

In a day full of PSAC times and personal bests for Mansfield track and field, the Mountaineers were in action at Grand Valley State's Big Meet and Colgate's Class of 1932 Invitational on Saturday.

At the GVSU Big Meet, Destiny Foster finished ninth in her heat in the 3,000-meter run with her PSAC time of 10:20.02. Allison McCurry won her heat in the 3K at 10:40.56 which was also a conference mark. Destiny Parks was right behind McCurry with a 10:47.31 to finish third and was just shy of a PSAC time. Sarah Morin finished sixth in the heat at 10:52.33. All four Mountaineers hit personal bests in the event.

Carson Ayers took second in the mile with a PR of 4:27.37. The freshman was just .37 seconds shy of hitting a PSAC cut. Shakim Blackwell finished third in the heat with a PR of 4:28.36. Quashaun Jaquay Willis also took third in his heat with a personal best of 4:35.09.

Jesse Jones hit a PSAC time in the 3K at 8:47.57 to finish 14th in his heat. Joelsen Resimo also took 14th in his 3K heat with a time of 8:59.37.

At Colgate's Class of 1932 Invitational, Hoefer broke her own school record in the weight throw with her best attempt of 45' 11.25". The senior improved

upon her previous record of 44' 9.75" set at the Highlander Invitational back in January.

Mary Ann Personius and Rachael Hohenwarter also hit PRs in the weight throw. Personius finished sixth with a top throw of 38' 11" while Hohenwarter took eighth at 36' 6.35".

Kyle Blose won the shot put with a personal best and PSAC-qualifying attempt of 45' 1.5". Tracey Lafrance finished fifth with a season best throw of 40' 8.75".

Josh Tupper won his heat and took second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.12. Tupper's time was a personal best and hit a conference mark. The freshman also finished 11th in the 200-meter dash at 23.53.

Melanie Hilliard hit a big PR in the 3K at 11:49.32, improving by over 14 seconds to place second. Kelley Snyder also registered a personal best in the 3K at 11:49.32 to finish seventh.

Traci Bethea's best attempt of 4' 10.25" in the high jump was good for second place.

Charlsie Bowen took third in the 60m hurdles with a time of 10.16.

Allison Macon hit a PR and finished fifth in the 1,000-meter run with her time of 3:11.01

The Mountaineers are back in action on Feb. 22 for Cornell's Kane Invitational.



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Hoefer finished 13th in the weight throw at the PSAC Indoor Championships in 2012-13.

Kelly helps Mounties win against Bloomsburg



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Kelly scored 17 points, the most points of her career so far on 11/15/14.

Brielle Kelly led Mansfield with 13 points, but 16th ranked and PSAC East-leading Bloomsburg cruised to a 91-45 victory Saturday afternoon at Nelson Field House.

Kelly hit five field goals and three free throws to record her fifth straight game in double-figure scoring. Kelly, the reigning PSAC East Player and Freshman of the Week, also pulled down four rebounds.

Melanie Taylor came off the bench to record nine points and four boards. Becky

Evans added eight points while Alyssa Mullins chipped in six.

Adreana Sadowski led four Huskies in double-figure scoring with 15 points.

Mansfield was held to just 25.9% (15-58) shooting in the game.

The Mountaineers are off on Wednesday before hosting East Stroudsburg for Senior Day on Saturday at First Citizens Community Bank Court at Decker Gymnasium.

Four Mounties hit personal bests



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In high school, Foster was a state medalist in cross country.

Destiny Foster demolished her personal best in the 5,000-meter run by well over a minute and three other Mountaineers hit PSAC marks in the event in day one of Grand Valley State's Big Meet.

Foster sped to a time of 17:55.35 in the 5k to finish 42nd overall in a large field of Division I and II talent. The sophomore shattered her previous personal best of 19:16.01. The time is currently the fifth best mark in the PSAC.

Lauren Orosz, Allison McCurry and

Sarah Morin all raced to PSAC times and hit personal bests in the 5K.

Orosz finished 87th overall with a time of 18:50.75, besting her previous PR of 19:31.00. McCurry turned in an 18:56.25 to finish 91st while Morin finished 96th at 19:03.8.

Jesse Jones finished 22nd in his heat of the 5K with a time of 15:41.53.

The Mountaineers return for day two of the GVSU Big Meet tomorrow.

Mansfield men's basketball comes from behind to defeat Bloomsburg 78-76

You had to see it to actually believe it.

In one of the most improbable finishes in recent memory, and in a game the Mountaineers had to win to keep their playoff hopes alive, Thomas Moore sank three free throws with 2.1 seconds remaining in overtime to lift Mansfield to an unbelievable 78-76 overtime win at Bloomsburg in critical PSAC East win Saturday afternoon.

It was a comeback for the ages for the Mountaineers who rallied from nine points down with just under seven minutes to play to take their first lead of the day when Joe Bell nailed back-to-back 3-points giving Mansfield a 60-58 advantage with three minutes remaining in overtime.

"We didn't play particularly well," said head coach Rich Miller. "But we needed a win and we found a way. Now we need two more."

Mansfield held a 62-60 lead when Bloomsburg's Jon Riles hit a 3-pointer with 59 seconds to play to regain the lead for the Huskies. A dunk by Alssene Saintilus with 22 seconds on the clock extended Bloomsburg's lead to 65-62 and Mansfield was in trouble.

But Charles Pemberton made a layup 11 seconds later to pull to one and was fouled on the play. The senior, who struggled from the line early in the season, hit the free

throw to tie the game at 65-65. Bloomsburg had a shot with a second left but it was off the mark sending the game into overtime.

Mansfield scored the first overtime points on a layup by Moore and seemed to have the game in hand when Da'Quan Jones's free throw with 1:48 remaining put the Mountaineers up 78-73. Bloomsburg cut the lead to 78-75 on a pair of free throws by Christian Mortellite 16 seconds later.

It looked as if Mansfield had pulled off the improbable win when Moore sank two free throw to put the Mountaineers back up by five points at 75-70 with 37 seconds to go but the Huskies got a layup by Saintilus five seconds later to make a three points game.

Mansfield missed two free throws on its next possession and a layup by Mortellite with 10 seconds left made it a one point game at 75-74.

That's when it got really strange.

Mortellite was called for a personal foul for grabbing and holding the Mountaineers Balla Thiam on the ensuing inbound play and Thaim was issued a technical foul for retaliating.

Thaim went to the line first and missed both of his free throw attempts while Mortellite sank both of his giving the lead back to Bloomsburg at 76-75

and the Huskies had the ball. Jones fouled Bloomsburg's Jon Riles one second later but Riles missed both of his shots giving Mansfield one last possession.

Mansfield struggled to get a shot off until Moore launched a long 3-point attempt that was well off the mark but was fouled in the act of shooting by Bloomsburg's Charles Haigler with 2.1 seconds left.

Moore, who had made all five of his earlier free throw attempts, calmly sank all three shots giving Mansfield a 78-76 lead.

Bloomsburg got off a 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded but was well off the mark giving Mansfield to remarkable come-from-behind-win.

While most of the drama and attention in was focused on the final seconds of regulation and overtime, it was Joe Bell's outside shooting that made the win possible. With Mansfield trailing by seven points with just over five minutes to play, Bell hit three straight 3-pointers over a two minute span to put the Mountaineers in the lead.

Mansfield also dominated the glass pulling down 36 rebounds, 11 of them offensive, to Bloomsburg's 27.

Pemberton, the PSAC's field goal percentage leader, came off the bench to connect of 8-of-9 from the floor in scoring a team-high 21 points while recording his

third straight double-double by pulling down a game-high 14 rebounds.

Moore, who hit all eight of his free throws on the day, also had a double-double with 19 points and a season-high 11 assists. Bell scored 11 of his 16 points in the second half and connected of 4-of-9 of his 3-point attempts. Andreas Katopodis, whose 3-pointer with just seven minutes to play started Mansfield's rally, scored 11 points.

Mortellite topped three Bloomsburg players in double-figures with a game-high 25 points with Jon Riles scoring 11 points and Saintilus 10 points.

Mansfield's record stands at 10 wins and 14 losses.

The win keeps Mansfield ½ game behind Lock Haven and Shippensburg for the sixth and final playoff spot from the PSAC East after Lock Haven edged Millersville 78-71 and Kutztown beat Shippensburg 67-51 on Saturday. Mansfield holds the tie-breaker over the Lock Haven after beating the Bald Eagles twice this season and split with Shippensburg on the year.

Mansfield, which has just two games remaining in the regular season facing division leaders East Stroudsburg and West Chester, has a bye on Wednesday before hosting East Stroudsburg for Senior Day on Saturday.

Pemberton named PSAC Athlete of the Week

Mansfield University standout Charles Pemberton has been named the PSAC East Co-Player of the Week for his outstanding performance during the week ending Feb. 15.

Pemberton shared the honor with Wali Hepburn of Lock Haven.

Pemberton helped keep the Mountaineers PSAC playoff hopes alive, averaging 18.0 points and 12.5 rebounds in wins over Shippensburg and Bloomsburg during the week.

The senior big man recorded double-doubles in both contests, scoring 15 points and pulling down 11 rebounds in the win over Shippensburg.

In an overtime victory at

Bloomsburg, Pemberton scored a team-best 21 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. With 22 seconds remaining in regulation and Mansfield trailing by three points, Pemberton sent the game into overtime by scoring a layup and then sinking the ensuing free throw.

For the season Pemberton is averaging 14.3 points and 8.0 rebounds per game. He leads the PSAC, and ranks third in NCAA Division II, in field goal accuracy connecting on 67.5% (133-197) from the floor.

It marks the third time this season Pemberton has earned PSAC East Player of the Week honors.



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Pemberton scored a personal best of 29 points in one game against Kutztown on 2/6/14.

Have a suggestion for February's *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to Heather Ritter at flashlit@mansfield.edu by February 20th.

Mansfield competes in PSAC Championships

Starting Thursday, the Mansfield swim team will send Abigail Zdancewicz, Amanda Ernst, Connie Medura and Hilary Feudale to compete individually at the 13-team PSAC Championship Meet.

This is the most individual qualifiers Mansfield has sent to the conference meet in recent history.

“I am looking for the girls to bring a high amount of energy to this meet,” said head coach Kaymee Kelly. “The girls have worked hard these past few months, and I’m excited for their efforts to pay off. We are hoping for each of them to get top sixteen finishes as well as new individual records.”

Zdancewicz led the way for the Mounties in the 2014-15 regular season with three PSAC qualifications and two school records. In the 500 freestyle, the sophomore’s strongest event, Zdancewicz’s PSAC qualifying school record of 5:19.77 has her seeded at 25th. The distance swimmer also qualified in the 1650 and 200 freestyle events. Zdancewicz’s 18:41.01 has her seeded 17th in the 1650. Even though the Springville native qualified in the 200 with a 2:02.49, Zdancewicz will be competing in the 1000 freestyle instead. At the Diamond City Invitation, Zdancewicz set



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Zdancewicz holds the record at Mansfield for the 500 free with a time of 5:23.49.

the school record in the 1000 with a time of 11:15.01.

Ernst made waves this year as the only freshman on the Mansfield squad to qualify for the PSAC meet. The freshman qualified in the 100 butterfly against Division I Howard at the beginning of the season. Ernst’s 1:01.87 time has her seeded 34th. Ernst also qualified in the 50 freestyle at the Diamond City

Invitational. The Orchard Park native’s 25.64 time has Ernst seeded at 47th. Additionally, Ernst will be competing in the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

Medura capped off the regular season with two PSAC qualifications and a school record. The sophomore set the school record in the 200 breaststroke as she qualified for PSACs with a 2:33.17 finish at the Diamond

City Invitational. Medura, Mansfield’s breaststroke specialist, also qualified in the 100 breaststroke with 1:10.86 finish. The Nanticoke native is seeded 21st in the 200 and 24th in the 100.

After transferring from Wells College, Feudale, Mansfield’s backstroke specialist, garnered two qualifications in her first season in the PSAC. The junior from Coal Township is seeded 33rd in the 200 backstroke with a 2:16.38 time and 35th in the 100 backstroke with a 1:02.28 time.

The Mounties are also bringing freshmen Alexis Cable and Candace Brown to improve times in the five relay events.

“We really want to improve our relay finishes this weekend. Our hope is to set a few school records in the process,” said Kelly. “Overall, we are working towards a better finish in the conference both individually and as a team.”

The four-day meet is set to begin on Feb. 19 with it concluding Feb. 22 at the YMCA of York County. Doors open at 8 a.m. for the preliminary sessions, and at 4:30 (Thursday-Saturday) and 3:30 (Sunday) for the final sessions.

See gomounties.com for the schedule.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
20 -SWIM PSAC championships -Baseball v. Mercyhurst University @ noon -Softball v. Bowie State University and Lees-McRae College @ 3 & 5 p.m.	21 -SWIM PSAC championships -Baseball v. Post Uni. and Concordia College @ 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. -SB v. Fairmont State Uni and Queens College @ 1 & 5 p.m. - Women’s & men’s bball v. East Stroudsburg Uni. @ 1 & 3 p.m.	22 -SWIM PSAC championships -TRACK @ Kane Invitational -SB v. Virginia Union Uni. @ 11 a.m. -Baseball v. Alderson Broaddus Uni @ 1 p.m.	23	24	25 -Women’s and men’s basketball at West Chester University @ 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.	26
27 -Track PSAC Indoor Championships in Edinboro, PA	28 -Track PSAC Indoor Championships in Edinboro, PA -Baseball at St. Augustine’s University (DH) @ 1 & 3 p.m.	1 -Track PSAC Indoor Championships in Edinboro, PA -Baseball at St. Augustine’s University (DH) @ 1 & 3 p.m. -Softball at Goldey-Beacom College (DH)@ 12 & 2.	2	3	4	5

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Second annual Student Life Leadership Celebration comes to Mansfield University

The second annual Leadership Celebration: Stories of the Creed was held at Mansfield University on Thursday, February 19.

The event, spearheaded by the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Division, is the culmination of an effort to acknowledge members of the campus community whose actions best represent the Mansfield Creed in action. One hundred and six students, faculty and staff were nominated and recognized at the event.

All the nominations were submitted to a committee to determine individuals who were represent a facet of the Mansfield Creed; Character, Scholarship, Culture and Service in an exemplary fashion. They received special recognition at the celebration event. Zachary Holcomb, a Biology/Environmental Biology major from Grand Valley, Pennsylvania, was honored for Character.

Holcomb was nominated by Elaine Farkas, assistant professor of Physics, who cited his involvement in campus life, academic excellence and Holcomb's willingness to become a tutor for a Physics class that he had not taken in her nomination.

"His peers have given nothing but positive feedback, and I have definitely noticed an improvement in the students' understanding of the material," Farkas wrote. "In my opinion, it takes a great deal of character and dedication to master a subject well enough to teach to one's peers at the same time as one's self."

Bryan McCullough, Chemistry/Forensic Science major from Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, was honored for Scholarship. He was nominated anonymously.

The nomination said, "Bryan makes time in every day to not



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From left to right- Elaine Farkas, Zachary Holcomb, Chris Cummings, Jeremy Mapstone, James Nixdorf, Jonathan Rothermel, Chris Bridges, VP for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management. Bryan McCullough was unable to attend the Celebration.

only study but to share study habits with other students. He instituted weekly tutoring/study sessions for the Chemistry Club. In his capacity as a Residence Life Intern, he has spearheaded living-learning opportunities for first year students by bringing professors into the residence halls."

James Nixdorf of Millerton, Pennsylvania, who graduated in December with a Political Science degree, was honored for Culture.

He was nominated by Assistant Professor of History and Political Science Jonathan Rothermel, who cited Nixdorf's desire, not only to student abroad but "to expand the limits of his comfort zone and

explore a vastly different culture." Nixdorf spent the spring 2014 semester studying in India. "James periodically posted photos on a Tumblr blog, which I followed," Rothermel wrote. "Photographs of James submerged in Indian culture revealed he had seized - and was enjoying - an amazing opportunity... James shared his Indian story to several of my classes, inspiring others to consider a study abroad experience."

Jeremy Mapstone, a Nutrition major and captain of the Mansfield University baseball team from Manilus, New York, was honored for Service.


Mapstone was nominated by

Chris Cummings, Athletic Mentor and Academic Advisor, who wrote, "Over the past year, Jeremy has served as the vice president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and has played an extremely influential role in organizing community engagement and service events for the organization...At an event (Make-A-Wish fundraiser), Jeremy literally gave one of the shirts off his back to a boy who wore his only shirt into the pool at Decker Gymnasium on cold February evening...But Jeremy's service does not end with

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Weekly Weather

Friday

 Cloudy


High:22 Low:-9

Saturday

 Sunny


High:28 Low:4

Sunday

 Snow


High:32 Low:27

Monday

 Mostly Sunny


High:35 Low:12

Tuesday

 Mostly Sunny


High:31 Low:22

Wednesday

 Snow

High:34 Low:18

Thursday

 Snow

High:29 Low:13

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- Paid Internship in Harrisburg for Fall 2015: Work with state agency or legislators and receive stipend roughly equivalent to a semester's tuition, room and board, plus gain valuable experience and contacts. Must be a junior or senior with a GPA of 3.0 or better. For more information contact Dr. Lee Wright ext. 4787 or come to 218 Allen Hall. Applications are due February 20, 2015.

- The PCSW (President's Commission on the Status of Women) are hosting an event on campus for women. The "Women of Distinction Career Expo" will be held on Thursday, March 26.

-Admissions Mountie Ambassadors meet every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in room G-12 South Hall. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Lindy at bhampshe@mansfield.edu

- TSO (Transfer Student Organization) meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in room G-12 South Hall. New members are always welcome. You do not have to be a transfer student to join.

- On Wednesday, February 25, 2015 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. there will be a study abroad information session. This is your best chance to learn about study abroad. The session will be hosted in room 317 of Alumni. An information session with Study-Abroad Director Monique Oyallon.

- There are still two faculty presentaions that students may attend. On April 2 Dr. Jeanne Kagle, Biology Department, "Microbes & Memory" and April 23 by Ms. Martha Campbell, Art Department, "What Lies Beneath".

- On Saturday, February 28, 2015, Student Activities Office will be hosting an event at the hut. The event will be the UFC showdown between Rousey and Zingano. The showing will be live on Pay per view. It will be free to students. Don't Miss The Womens' World Bantamweight Championship "ROUSEY vs ZINGANO". The event will be funded by Student Activity Fees.

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

-2/21/15- Around 1:21 a.m., Kurtis Logan, 20, allegedly was involved in a physical altercation with a female(non-student) as he was shouting threats at her. A second female (student) came to the aid of the victim and she also was allegedly subjected to physical contact by Logan. Logan was charged by police with: Terroristic Threats, M-1, Disorderly Conduct (M-3), 2 Counts of Harassment (S).

-2/21/15- Around 1:18 a.m., Police were called to Spruce dormitory for a reported intoxicated male in the lobby. Police arrived on scene and found Isahiah Geeter, 20, allegedly under the influence of alcohol. Greeter was cited for underage drinking and referred to Campus Judicial.

-2/11/15- Between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in Sycamore Hall, person or persons unknown tampered with the hardware on a stairwell door in an effort to defeat the lock mechanism. An investigation continues.

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

-2/25/15- FBI: Three men attempted to join ISIS

- FBI foils alleged plot by three men to join ISIS

- Suspects planned to carry out attacks in the United States, complaint says

-2/25/15- ISIS holds 150 Christian hostages, will threaten to kill them

- Kurds are clashing with ISIS in town where many Assyrians were abducted

- ISIS is holding 150 Assyrian Christians hostage in northeastern Syria, Assyrian activist says

- Extremist group plans to release a video message threatening to kill hostages, he says

-2/25/15- How long did the FDA know about problem?

- Duodeonosopes were the cause of recent superbug infections and deaths at UCLA

- The FDA issued cleaning guidance last Thursday

- Doctors say they've known about the trouble of cleaning them at least since 1987

-2/24/15- Brazen, brutal: 5 terror groups making headlines this month

- The United States has a list of 59 designated terror groups

- The five making headlines this month are based in Africa and the Middle East

-2/24/15- Missing UK girls believed to be in Syria, police say

- London's Metropolitan Police say they have reason to believe girls aren't in Turkey

- Family of woman who went to Syria in 2013 says security services have questions to answer

- Turkish official calls it "shameful" the teenage girls flew from London to Istanbul, Turkey

Phi Sigma Kappa teams up with SGA to promote community and student interactions.

By LORI ENGLE
News Editor

Phi Sigma Kappa and SGA will come together to hold Winterfest for the students and community of Mansfield on March 5, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be hot chocolate, s'mores, and fire pits.

Phi Sigma Kappa, the Phi Nu Chapter that is located here at Mansfield University, is proud to be hosting this event. Arthur Collier, the social chair and publicity chair for Phi Sigma Kappa posted about the event on Facebook. He posted "...this is the first event we have done on campus that has been backed by us and SGA, and we really want to make this something that involves all the students on campus, not just Greeks." Collier goes on to say, "This isn't an event put on by Phi Sigma Kappa to garner attention for ourselves. It's an event we hope can bring people all over campus and the community

together for a few hours to relax and have a good time despite the cold weather." There are also posters floating around campus for the event. Kristen Shabe helped the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa design the poster.

Winterfest will be held in South Hall mall. It will feature fire pits, s'mores, and hot chocolate for everyone. There is also be music by Mansfield University's very own radio station WNTN The Giant. The event is funded by the Student Government Association.

So if you like fires, s'mores, hot chocolate, and music come out and join the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa, SGA, and WNTN for a night away from homework and stress.

Follow the event on Facebook by typing in "Winterfest!" into the search bar. For more information about Phi Sigma Kappa, or to stay alert to future events, find them on Facebook by typing "Phi Sig" into the search bar.

Poet Melissa Tuckey scheduled to coming to Mansfield University to read poetry to students

"Poetry & Eco-justice: A Reading and Discussion" will be the topic of a presentation by Melissa Tuckey on Thursday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m. at Mansfield University's Allen Hall, Room 104. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Tuckey is a poet, writer, and literary activist from Ithaca, New York. She is author of *Tenuous Chapel*, a book of poems selected by Pulitzer Prize winner and former U.S. Poet Laureate Charles Simic for ABZ First Book Prize; and *Rope as Witness*, a chapbook published by Pudding House Press.

Her work has been published in journals such as *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *Hayden's Ferry*, *Poet Lore*, *Poetry International*, and *Verse Daily*. Tuckey's honors include a Fine Arts Work Center Winter Fellowship, and artist awards from DC Commission on Arts and Humanities and from Ohio Arts Council.

She has a background in environmental activism, and is co-founder (with Sarah Browning and others) of *Split This Rock*, a national organization dedicated to poetry of provocation and witness.

She's currently at work on *Ghost Fishing: An Eco-Justice Poetry Anthology*, for University of Georgia Press and is guest editing a special eco-justice edition of *Poetry Magazine* with Don Share and *Split This Rock* which will appear later this year.

To learn more about Tuckey and her work, go to melissatuckey.net

Professor Lilace Guignard is organizing Turkey's visit. It is sponsored by the Department of English and Modern Languages, the Institute of Science and the Environment and the Student Activities Office. Funding is provided by student activity fees.

Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS)

4th annual

Bowl for Kids' Sake Campaign

Saturday, February 28 from 11am - 2 pm

Route 6 Lanes in Wellsboro, PA

\$25 minimum donation



Proceeds help to support Tioga County children's programs

For a pledge sheet, to register, or any questions contact BBBS board member Dr. Justin Crowl at 570-662-4496 or via email at jcrowl@mansfield.edu

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Melissa Tuckey is a poet, writer, and literary activist from Ithaca, New York

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Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

The Archery Club becomes a recognized club to be funded

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) meet on February 24 starting off with President Victoria Malatesta informing the organization of all the items that are happening around campus.

Malatesta met with the new Chief Information Officer Michael Tharp, in which they discussed many new items of the campus. Some of the topics were allowing the Print Cash to be used in the Print Shop and for the television sets in Manser Dining Hall to play the information on the e-sign instead of MTVU.

Some of the other topics include the wireless network and the security cameras around campus. Malatesta also made remarks to having the North Hall

Library open 24 hours, for midterm week. Right now the allocated account balance is \$47,000, the unallocated account



can Rejects play at Spring Fling this year for the low cost of \$50,000.

SGA still plans to play laser tag at the Accepted Student Day on April 25. The executive board is looking to being paid on the next pay day from the university. Student Government Association Treasurer Alex Bock moved to Strike lines Article 3 Section 1 Subsection D and Article 3 Section 2 Subsection A Part 4.

The first strike would be removing the line; have completed at least one semester in SGA before taking office.

The later would be striking the line; have completed the prior semester as a Senator at the time of taking office. Striking both lines would allow any student to run for the office of President or Vice President of SGA.

The organization motioned to table the strikes until the next meeting. They also tabled the motion to move the date of application for President and Vice President from March 3 to March 10. Student Government Association Secretary Brett Helmus will be having a meeting to progress further with the Mural Project.

SGA recognized the Archery Club for recognition to be funded. Project Mountie was a huge success and the organization gave away all of the t-shirts.

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CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
27 - 9 p.m. Friday Night Movies at The Hut	28 - Sax Studio Recital - Kyle Rusk, Junior Piano Recital - Jazz Band and X-ray Big Band Concert at Deane Center	1	2 - UCM Chow with the Chaplains at noon - 8:00 p.m. Monday Recreation Game Night at The Hut	3 - 8 p.m. Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	4 - 8 p.m. Weekly Open Mic Night at the Hut	5 - 4 p.m. Poetry & Ecojustice: A Reading and Discussion -- 8 p.m. Weekly Live Entertainment Night at The Hut
6 -9:00 FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES at The HUT	7 -	8	9 - All Day Spring Holiday - No Classes	10 - All Day Spring Holiday - No Classes	11 - All Day Spring Holiday - No Classes	12 - All Day Spring Holiday - No Classes

Mansfield University receives Mill Cove Grant

Mansfield University Geoscience students Matthew Oldroyd and Clayton Schucker, both of Troy, Pennsylvania, have been awarded a Mill Cove Excellence in Science and Education Grant of \$300 to gather data related to Mill Cove Creek in Tioga County.

Once the weather warms, Oldroyd and Schucker, under the guidance of Assistant Professor Linda Kennedy, will gather data pertinent to the physical characteristics of the approximately one kilometer reach of Mill Creek, located within the Mill Creek Environmental Area. They will make a survey of a longitudinal channel profile, select a minimum of three reference sites, determine the location of reference sites using Global Positioning System, establish a permanent datum at each reference site, and survey the channel cross-section of all reference sites.

The establishment of permanent reference sites will allow present and future Mansfield University students to re-visit and record stream data over the long-term including, but not limited to, the characterization of channel bed material, measurement of suspended sediment yield, measurement of stream discharge, determination of aquatic habitat conditions and the characterization of riparian conditions.

This research is not part of a class, but is being conducted entirely as a co-curricular activity. Results will be delivered to the public when the students present their poster at a meet of the Mill Cove Environmental Center Board of Directors and at the 2015 Mansfield University Showcase of Student Research on

Earth Day, April 22, 2015.

"Mill Cove is excited to fund this project that has such potential for repeat use by classes and other science students. Lilace Guignard, Board member and director of education and outreach for the Institute of Science and the Environment at Mansfield University, said. "The information will also be useful to the Mill Cove Board as we make resource management and development decisions. We want to get the word out to all Mansfield University students that this grant is available."

The Mill Cove Excellence in Science and Education Grant was created to encourage and facilitate knowledge of and use of the Mill Cove Environmental Area by Mansfield University students. Any individual or group of students enrolled at Mansfield that wish to do research or plan events and activities that use and promote the Mill Cove site can apply. This includes environmental education or outdoor recreation projects and events, as well as scientific research.

Students can apply for the Mill Cove Excellence in Science and Education Grant any time and the Mill Cove Board will respond within two months. Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated on a competitive basis and grants will be awarded to those projects that best fit the intent and mission of Mill Cove. This grant is only available to Mansfield University students.

Although there is no set limit to awards, grants will generally fall into the \$300 to \$500 range, and can include a single event, series of



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From left to right- Lilace Guignard presents the grant check from Mill Cove to Matthew Oldroyd, Clayton Schucker and Assistant Professor Linda Kennedy.

events or projects with a duration of up to two years. Availability of funds will depend on the number of grants received in a given period of time.

The 250-acre Mill Cove Environmental Area is leased to Mill Cove, Inc. by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and is about nine miles from the Mansfield University campus. It includes sweeping views, lush vegetation, a thriving trout stream and abundant wildlife. Mill Cove borders two million acres of public land, including Pennsylvania WILDS, State

Game Lands and the Tioga Reservoir. e and the priorities and finances of Mill Cove, Inc.

For more information on Mill Cove, go to millcovearea.org

For grant guidelines and application information, go to mansfield.edu/ise/mill-cove-grant

For information on the Institute of Science and the Environment, go to mansfield.edu/ise or email ise@mansfield.edu

The Flashlight needs writers like you!

Know something interesting that's happening in the news, on campus or in an organization?

Send your story ideas to flashlit@mansfield.edu or talk to us at our weekly meetings on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Alumni room 2M.

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his role in SAAC. Through the baseball team, he recently organized help for a local farmer, the victim of a recent car accident, with the daily duties of farm chores until the man was healthy enough to return to work."

To read all the nominations, go to mansfield.edu/student-affairs/student-life/stories-of-the-creed. There is a Leadership Celebration: Stories on the Creed display on the third floor of Alumni Hall.

Library offers free Macs to students for use in the Media, Arts and Design lab (MAD)

Did you know North Hall Library has a bank of Mac computers with graphics, music and editing software just waiting for you and your multimedia project?

Come to the Media, Art, & Design (MAD) Lab and see for yourself. The MAD Lab is open to all students during all the hours the library is open.

The MAD lab is located on the main floor of the library on the north side just past the Information Desk.

The large Macs are loaded with the Adobe Creative Suite (CS6) which includes Dreamweaver, Acrobat Pro, After Effects, Audition, Illustrator, Photoshop and more.

For audio enhancement, Audacity, PureData, Spear, Soundhack, Supercollider and more are installed. The computers also

have Final Cut Pro X for all your editing needs. All of the Macs are equipped with iDVD, a Superdrive and the Microsoft Office suite.

Cables, connectors and a camera are available for use in the MAD Lab, and if you do not have headphones, you can check a pair out at the Circulation Desk using your Student ID.

Check out this informative video to find out more about the programs and software available in the MAD Lab: <http://bit.ly/MUMADLAB>

So what's stopping you? Check out the MAD Lab for all of your digital needs, whether it is for a class project or for something you just want to do. The MAD Lab is here for you!

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The new technologically
advanced world we live in

By DEAN LEE
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The world we live in now has become so technologically advanced it is unbelievable.

I think back to my childhood a few years back and still remember having to use a dial-up connection to get on the internet.

Now if I want to get on the internet all I have to do is jump on my smart phone and hit the chrome button. Just that like that I’m surfing the web, mostly just looking at funny things on imgur and reddit.

As I see it though this world that we live in has changed so much just with the “minor” technological advances. I say “minor” because even if we (as humans) figured out how to minimize the space of a computer to create the smart phone, that may be a big step. We have not stopped there though, everyday someone is always searching for something new to create.

As our technology advances in the computer world it seems as though we are forgetting some of the basic qualities of being humans.

When walking around campus over half the people that you

pass will have their face in a device, be it a phone, tablet, or anything of the sort.

It seems as though we can’t draw ourselves off from these devices.

I’ll be honest I do the same thing sometimes, it is so convenient to have that device.

There is so much in your hand at your disposal. At any given time you can communicate with anyone in the world via calling, texting, Instant Messaging, e-mailing and the list goes on and on.

You can also surf the web looking for an answer to a question, or just to look at funny stuff like I do.

Even with all of these benefits and many more, we (humans) still have trouble controlling the devices.

Many older people like to say that these devices are controlling the new generations lives, but they say that because they didn’t grow up in the era when this was all happening.

I’ll admit sometimes I should put my device down and go see the world, but I still feel that I should have it on me, “just in case”.

As the next generation I feel as though we (humans) have an okay grip on our devices, even

though sometimes I would prefer to do something on my phone rather than stare out the window and the same stuff I see everyday.

Going back to my childhood I remember when I first got one of the first Nintendos, now that thing was the shit.

I was in love with that thing when I was younger, and now look at the gaming consoles we have. The Xbox One or the Playstation 4, in a little more than 20 years gaming has been changed forever from Space Invaders to Call of Duty.

Not only is the new devices and gaming unbelievable, the new technology has changed the world forever.

This new technology goes into many other fields including but not limited to: medicine, engineering, art, science (including chemistry, physics, and much more).

The new technology has also created new fields of study and new jobs, such as computer scientist, computer engineer, system analysts, web designer, web master, and many many more.

With new technological advances happening everyday I can’t wait to see what will happen in the next 20 years of my life.

Letters to the Editor are welcome!

Submit your letter to The Flashlight at flashlit@mansfield.edu or stop by the office in Alumni Hall Student Center room 2M.

The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life

By **LORI ENGLE**
News Editor

Daniel

As I glanced around the barely lit street, I wondered where he could have gone.

There were no alleys for him to slip into, nor were there buildings open at this hour. I spun around to face where I had seen him last. There was no glowing yellow dust from fairies that could have taken him away either. I walked down the street toward my house.

I needed to find Daisy. Without my parents, Daisy was the only one I had left. I was no use to her tired so I was determined to get a little sleep, if only for an hour.

I walked into the house and looked around. The dark living room held memories of what my life used to consist of: Watching football with dad, hearing mom and Daisy laugh in the kitchen as they cooked dinner. Memories that I would never get back.

I walked upstairs to my room and shut the door. With a slight push, I put my dresser in front of my door in hopes to block off any enemy that would want to break in. I sat down on my bed and pulled my shoe off and threw it on the floor by my bed. As I went to slip the other shoe off, I noticed a piece of paper that had stuck to my shoe. I pulled the piece off and struggled to read it. Turning the lamp on that sat on the end table, I struggled to read the pen that was now smeared on the piece of notebook paper.

Once I managed to read the words, I

realized what it said. The note states, “My incompetent associate grabbed your sister instead of you. Come to the abandoned shipyard at the edge of town at 10:00 a.m. and I will exchange your sister for you. Come alone. –JDU”

This was my chance to help Daisy. If I gave this to the police maybe they could help. I quickly put my shoes back on and rush toward the police station. On my way I noticed a thick plume of white smoke coming from the direction of the station. “No, there is no way my luck could be this bad.”

Sure enough, it was. Outside of the smoldering building stood 4 firefighters packing up their equipment. I looked at the flame-licked walls of the building and thought that there still might be something useful inside.

I talked to one of the officers that I had spoken with before Officer Bubbles to ask where Officer Bubbles was. The officer told me that Bubbles was injured in the fire and that they brought a detective in to work on Daisy’s case. I looked around for Detective Dixon but he was nowhere to be found. I couldn’t wait around for him. I needed to find answers. I needed to know who this JDU was.

I snuck behind the building and entered through a broken window. There must be some kind of case file or something about JDU, I thought to myself as I rummaged through the building. I found a room filled with filing cabinets and found the case file labeled “JDU.” It was stained with soot. As

I sat in one of the coat closet, I pulled out my phone and turned on the flashlight to read the file without getting caught. I managed to make out that JDU was responsible for kidnappings in neighboring towns. It also stated that he was notorious for holding the victims for ransom.

They have been hunting JDU down for years but haven’t even gotten close to finding him. I pulled the note from my pocket and read it again. I couldn’t let the stupid cops handle this. I had to go and rescue my sister by myself. I looked at the time on my phone. It was 9:00 a.m. There was just enough time to go over and even be a little early to the shipyard.

I snuck out of the office and headed to the shipyard. As I walked through town, I couldn’t shake the feeling that someone was following me. I didn’t want to be the stupid person to turn around, so I kept walking. I didn’t get a bad feeling from the person. It made me actually feel a little safer, like they were guarding me. I felt as though whoever it was, was trying to protect me.

As I reached the shipyard, I snuck behind one of the big shipment crates. I managed to make my way through the maze of shipping crates until I found the center. There was a black town car sitting in the center of the opening. Standing by the car, was two men. They were arguing about comics as it trying to pass time. As I listened to their conversation, my phone rang. I strambled to get my phone from my pocket to shut it off. It rang for about thirty seconds before it turned off. The men

stopped for a moment. I quickly put my back against the crate to hide. I didn’t know if they looked toward my direction. After hiding for a few moments, I peaked around the corner again. The two men started to talk again.

“Where is the girl?” chuckled one of the men. The main man stood tall, like he was proud of himself. His hands rested in his pockets. He had on a baseball hat that was shielding his face from my sight. Could this man be JDU?

“She’s in the back seat.” The other guy smiled as he leaned back on the car with his arms crossed against his chest.

“Okay. When the boy gets here I want you to let her go. We don’t actually want her after all. Just don’t let the boy go.” JDU spoke with demand before looking at his wrist to check the time. He walked away leaving the man standing alone.

I waited a few moments before walking in to the center trying to pretend like I wasn’t spying on them.

“I’m here. Where is my sister?” I crossed my arms, matching his tough stance.

“She’s right here in the backseat. You can check if you want.” The man knocked on the passenger window as the backseat window rolled down.

As I slowly approached the car, I couldn’t see into the backseat. The inside of the car seemed to be empty from here. They couldn’t have tricked me. I just needed to get closer. I leaned over to peak into the backseat. After a pound to the back of my head, my world, went black.

Recipe Column: Quiche in a Cup!

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

Did you know you can microwave an egg? This opens a world of possibilities. Eggs are perfect for breakfast, breakfast for lunch, brunch, breakfast for dinner, or a midnight snack.

So, for this week we are going to explore one of many egg options: Quiche.

The first step is to whisk with a fork the following ingredients: 1 egg, 1 ½ tablespoons of the milk, 1 teaspoon of butter, a pinch of salt and pepper for flavor. After those ingredients are thoroughly mixed in a mug, you can add any number of items. I prefer to add mozzarella cheese, broccoli and spinach, but others may choose to add any or all of the following: grape tomatoes, green onions, parsley, chives, or herbs. An alternate version includes any meat for example, you could add bacon bits or ham.

The last step is to cook the mug in a microwave for about a minute or until the egg is fully cooked.

You can make whatever you’d like with the egg, but you must coo the egg for a minimum of a minute! If you don’t like quiche, make an egg and cheese sandwich. No matter what you choose, as always, Enjoy!

Word of the Week:

Gourmand
noun \GOOR-mahnd\

1: one who is excessively fond of eating and drinking

Quote of the Week:

“If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.”

-Katharine Hepburn

Lyric of the Week:

I tear my heart open, I sew myself shut, My weakness is that I care too much, And my scars remind me that the past is real, I tear my heart open just to feel

-Papa Roach

Fact of the Week:

An hour-long workout is 4% of your day.

PSECU Financial Corner: Managing Refund Checks

By **EMILY SHOSH**
eCenter Assistant Manager
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again – starting Friday, March 6, refund checks will be distributed.

As explained by the MU website, a refund check materializes when “the disbursement of financial aid or loans exceed your charges. You will be eligible for a refund and will receive an email confirmation via your Mansfield University student email account. Your refund check will be mailed to your residence hall/ local off-campus address.” If you do not have a residence hall address or local off-campus address provided, the refund will be mailed to your permanent home address. Be sure the correct address is in the system, otherwise follow instructions on <http://my.mansfield.edu> to change it. Within the month, you should receive the refund.

This might sound great, but be warned – refund money is NOT free money. The refund is often a portion of your initial loan amount. This means that if the check results from a positive balance to your account due to a loan, the check will still end up being a piece of your total debt owed to loan providers.

Also, federal student loan money may only be used for educational expenses at the school from which your check is awarded. This includes tuition, room and board, fees, books, child care expenses, transportation, and personal computer purchases. The money should not be used to fund your next big party or dinner and a movie.

You'll need to start paying back loans when you graduate, so it's important to only use financial aid that you truly need. The Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU), situated in lower Manser, has some tips to help determine the best way to manage

refund checks:

- First, add together all of your income.
- Next, list and add together all of your education-related expenses for the semester.
- Subtract your total expenses from your total income.
- If you find that there is a positive difference between the two numbers, you probably don't need all of your loan money. If this is the case, talk to Financial Aid about your options. Taking action now may save you a lot of money and stress in the long run.

PSECU offers direct deposit services for your refund. You may have immediate access to deposited funds (Some restrictions apply. See the Funds Availability policy at psecu.com/disclosures). There is no set-up charge for direct deposit and you'll have free access to your funds with your PSECU check card.

If you're not already a member and

would like to join PSECU, or if you have any questions or concerns about refund checks, feel free to stop by the on-campus location in lower Manser Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

****Emily Shosh is an employee of PSECU and is not a financial or legal expert. The information provided is for informational purposes only. Please seek the advice of a qualified financial, tax, legal or other professional to determine what options may be best for you.

*Information pulled from Student Registration and Financial Services, <http://esd.mansfield.edu/billing-and-payments/frequently-asked-questions.cfm>. Retrieved October 2014.

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Student Organization of the Week: E-Sports

By **DEAN LEE**
Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield University Electronic Sports Club (E-Sports) is a new club on campus. The E-Sports Club started just over a year ago.

The focus of the organization is to bring together a community of competitive gamers. Most recently the E-Sports Club competed in a League of Legends tournament, they participated in the TESPA North American Collegiate Championship.

In the competition the Junior Varsity team beat Boston College, and the Varsity beat Ruckers. Both teams lost in round two out of seven.

The winner of the competition would have received 360,000 in scholarships. The

next Preliminary competition will be March 6.

The competition was the first tournament being together as a team. Currently the organization has 18-22 members, the President James "Franco" Blew, Vice President Austin Zimmerman, Secretary John Matson, Treasurer Aron Starnowsky, Public Relations Director Brooke Gottwald, and the two Tech Officers Max Wright, and Brandon Williams.

The E-Sports Club wants to expand their games to Counter Strike, DOTA 2, Halo and many more. At some point in the future they would like to progress to the gaming consoles instead of just the PC games.

"We want to move from a club to a recognized student sport," Zimmerman said. The organization meets Thursday at 6 pm in 216 Elliot Hall.

Local Cub Scouts visit *The Flashlight*

By **HEATHER RITTER**
Sports Editor

On Monday February 23 a local Cub Scout troop came to Mansfield University to visit *The Flashlight*.

The Cub Scouts have a handbook that they follow to do activities. They needed to visit a newspaper, radio station, or news station. The troop—four

Cub Scouts—chose to visit *The Flashlight*. The Editor-in-Chief, Dean Lee, showed the students how to interview people and what questions to ask the interviewee. After that, Lee told the Cub Scouts how *The Flashlight* sends out the information to the world.



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Local Wesfield Cub Scout Troop.

After learning about *The Flashlight*, the Cub Scouts got to eat pizza and play on the computer. Lee showed them how the paper is formatted. At the end of their trip Lee took them down by the Fish Bowl (WNTE).

Movie Review:

Kingsman: The Secret Service

By **EVAN JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Kingsman: The Secret Service by veteran comic book film adaption director Matthew Vaughn, who is known for X-Men: First Class and Kick-Ass, is further proof that a film does not have to have a coherent plot to be good.

Sometimes clever dialogue and well-placed ultraviolence along with an extreme number of gadgets is entertainment enough. This film is not in the same league as James Bond, nor does it try to be. It is what it is, a well-executed, action-packed parody of classic spy films. It is not an Austin Powers type of parody, more of a secret service version of Hot Fuzz.

The action was well-filmed. The plot is simple enough. A new Kingsman is needed now that one of them has been cut in half to be precise. The Kingsman job interview is almost a form of torture and jedi-like mind tricks. It tests the abilities of the new recruits.

After the job interview is done, it works out that the best of the best, all around good guy gets the job. As expected, he has to save the day, as well as the world. The action is top notch and the acting is decent, but possibly a let down for this all-star cast.

The worst part was of this movie is the casting. The choices were odd and sometimes distracting from the storyline.

Academy Award winner Colin Firth stole the show as the veteran "gentleman" spy Harry Hart.

He was well supported by Michael Caine and Mark Strong, but none of them used their full acting ability in this film and they had fun with the part by beating up the bad guys.

It was hard seeing Colin Firth in a church defeating villains after seeing his amazing performance in The King's Speech. Some would admire Firth for his diverse casting choices.

The same goes for Mark Strong, who is one of the best but very underrated new actors in recent years.

The main character, Eggsy, is played by newcomer Taron Egerton. He does a decent job in portraying the leading man and reformed two-bit criminal. His performance is nothing to write home about, but was good enough to keep a person interested throughout the movie.

Samuel L. Jackson is a great villain. He has the personality to be one of those villains people love to hate. It was a pleasure to see him in the villain role. I haven't seen him play a villain since Django Unchained. He should be a villain more often.

The soundtrack to the film was outstanding. It had everything from Dire Straits to Lynyrd Skynyrd. Good action films know that a little well-placed Lynyrd Skynyrd can make a scene so much better than without it.

The script was enough to satisfy a fan of action parodies and included enough homages to spy films to not be taken too seriously. It was one of those movies that the actors and actresses clearly had fun acting in.

Overall, the film managed to stand out among the seemingly endless flow of action flicks that flood the senses during most commercial breaks on TV. This film manages to have good story that is stylishly told with by good actors with plenty of ultraviolence.

It takes the spy genre to the next level by including a good soundtrack over the top of smart dialogue that is spoken by good actors. The acting could be better, but it doesn't take away anything from the film.

I recommend this film if you want to see a film and not have to give it any deep thought. Though that is good sometimes and I prefer films that make me think, it is sometimes necessary to see a film that does not take any brain power to enjoy it.

Letters to the Editor are welcome!

Submit your letter to The Flashlight at flashlit@mansfield.edu or stop by the office in Alumni Hall Student Center room 2M.

Spruce Hall held a contest called "Your Comic Here!" in which students were to make a 3-5 panel comic strip that includes the mountie, and whether they choose the mascot, the bus, or the dog was up to them.

The winner was Miriah Schoentube.



Swim team competes PSAC Championships

Mansfield competed in all four days of the PSAC Championship Meet.

Abigail Zdancewicz broke her own school record in the 1000 freestyle on the first day of competition.

Zdancewicz originally broke the record in the 1000 freestyle earlier in the year at the Diamond City Invitational back in November. The sophomore reset her record earlier in the day with an 11:13.04 finish, 1.97 seconds faster than her previous time.

Freshman Amanda Ernst started off her first PSAC Meet with a new PR in the 50 freestyle. Ernst finished with a time of 25.63, just .09 seconds faster than Shippensburg's Devon Perugini. The freshman was just 1.45 seconds shy of breaking Nikki Noail's 18-year-old school record and just .6 seconds shy of breaking Megan Becker's freshman record.

Rounding out the day was the 200 medley relay team of Hilary Feudale, Connie Medura, Alexis Cable, and Candace Brown. The Mounties were able to edge rival Lock Haven by 1.31 seconds as they finished with a 1:55.38, just .51 seconds shy of breaking a 14-year-old school record.

On day two, Ernst competed in the preliminaries of the 100 butterfly.

Ernst's 1:02.07 finish was just enough to edge Clarion's Summer Dacheux as the freshman missed Jen Market's 16-year-old school record by a mere .78 seconds.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Brown, Zdancewicz, Cable and Ernst just missed setting a new school record by 1.45 seconds with a 1:44.25 finish.

For day three, Zdancewicz, Ernst, Feudale and Connie Medura were all set to

compete individually starting at 10 a.m. in the 800 freestyle relay team.

They garnered a new PR by a whopping 15.72 seconds with an 8:37.62 finish.

In the morning sessions, Zdancewicz started off with a 5:25.03 finish in the 500 freestyle.

Feudale followed with a 1:03.58 finish, just .14 seconds faster than Millersville's Meghan Hickey, in the 100 backstroke.

Medura rounded out the individual events for the Mounties with a 1:12.70 finish in the 100 breaststroke.

On the final day, Ernst, Feudale, Medura, and Zdancewicz all competed individually with the 400 freestyle relay, rounding out the weekend for the Mounties. Ernst recorded a new PR on the last day of the PSAC Championship Meet.

Ernst recorded a 56.18 finish in the 100 freestyle, edging Shippensburg's Devon Perguini by .14 seconds. The freshman just missed Jaime Ragukonis' 15-year-old school record by 1.02 seconds.

Zdancewicz wrapped up the weekend with an 18:46.18 finish in the 1650 freestyle.

Medura edged Edinboro's Emily Kling by .59 seconds in the sophomore's 2:37.54 finish in the 200 breaststroke.

Feudale recorded a 2:21.41 finish in the 200 backstroke.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Brown, Feudale, Cable and Ernst swam to a 3:48.46 finish.

West Chester repeated as PSAC Champions with a 636.5 score.



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Medura was a member of the national honor society in high school.

Women's basketball plays West Chester



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In high school, Kelly was a varsity starter for three years

The Mountaineer women's basketball team travels to West Chester's Hollinger Field House on Wednesday, Feb. 25 for the final game of the 2014-15 season. Tip-off of the PSAC-East match-up is set for 5:30 p.m.

Doug Page of ESPN Radio Williamsport will have the call. Links for the broadcast along with live stats can be found on GoMounties.com.

Mansfield's Katie Fitzpatrick tops the

PSAC and ranks 14th in NCAA Division II in steals with 2.9 takeaways a game. The junior also leads the Mountaineers in scoring (12.7 ppg), rebounding (6.0 rpg), assists (2.8 apg) and blocks (0.9 bpg). Freshman Brielle Kelly ranks second on the team in both scoring (10.2 ppg) and rebounding (5.7 rpg).

West Chester has lost just four games this season and is currently riding a five-game win streak.

Softball announces schedule changes

The Mountaineer softball team has announced updates to the 2015 schedule that has been affected by severe winter weather on the East Coast.

Sunday's doubleheader against Goldey-Beacom in Wilmington, Del. has been postponed. A make-up date has not been determined.

The Shaw University Softball Challenge has been rescheduled for March 7-8 in Raleigh, N.C. The Mountaineers will square-off against Clarion and Virginia Union on Saturday before playing St. Augustine's and Edinboro on Sunday.

A complete schedule can be found at gomounties.com

Swimming named Fall 2014 Scholar All-America Team

Mansfield University women's swimming has been named College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Fall 2014 Scholar All-America Team for its performance in the classroom last semester.

The Fall Team Scholar All American award is presented to college and university swimming and diving teams who have achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the fall semester/quarter. The award

is supported by Nike Swim.

The Mountaineers registered a team GPA of 3.06 during the fall semester. Mansfield was one of 47 Division II women's programs to earn the academic distinction, including one of five teams from the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC).

Head coach Kaymee Kelly is in her third season directing the Mounties.

Men’s basketball plays West Chester

After pulling off four straight must have wins, the Mansfield University men’s basketball team will face its toughest test of the season when the Mountaineers travel to West Chester Wednesday night for the final regular season game of the year.

Tip-off at set for 7:30 p.m. at Hollinger Field House. The game will be broadcast live by Doug Page of ESPN Radio Williamsport with a link available, as well as live stats, at GoMounties.com.

It’s as simple -- and challenging -- as win and you’re in for the Mountaineer men in their quest for a PSAC playoff berth. Mansfield has mounted a late-season four game winning-streak to move into the sixth and final playoff berth from the PSAC East after knocking off division-leading East Stroudsburg 74-70 Saturday afternoon.

The Mountaineers rallied from six points down with just under three minutes to play to pull out that win and will need to be equally as tenacious when they travel to West Chester Wednesday.

Shippensburg, which hosts last-place Cheyney on Wednesday, and Mansfield split the regular season matches with each winning at home. Both have wins over top-seeded East Stroudsburg while the Raiders also have a win over West Chester to give them the tie-breaker in case of a tie with the Mountaineers.

Mansfield, which dropped a 93-81 decision to West Chester a month ago on

First Citizens Community Bank Court in Decker Gymnasium, has lost to the Golden Rams in each of their last nine meetings and have not won at Hollinger Field House since posting a 60-57 victory during the 2007-08 season.

West Chester has the second highest-scoring attack in the conference behind East Stroudsburg, averaging 77.1 points per game. Mansfield held East Stroudsburg to 15 points under is season scoring average in the win Saturday and will need that same type of defensive effort to overcome the Golden Rams on Wednesday.

Offensively the Mountaineers have three of the top 12 scorers in the PSAC in Joe Bell, Thomas Moore and Charles Pemberton. Bell ranks fourth in the PSAC in scoring averaging 16.4 points per game while Moore is 10th at 15.0 points per game. Pemberton, who is second in the nation in field goal percentage hitting 69.2% of his attempts from the floor, is 12th in the conference in scoring at 14.7 points per outing.

Cory Blake tops West Chester in scoring averaging 14.2 points per game.

In order to advance, as either the 5th or 6th seed, to Saturday’s first round of the PSAC playoffs the Mountaineers must win at West Chester or Shippensburg must lose to Cheyney.ahosting East Stroudsburg for Senior Day on Saturday.



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Thomas Moore played basketball for two years at Globe Institute of Technology.

February’s Athlete of the Month



Charles Pemberton

Charles is a senior Biology major from St. Thomas, V.I.. Pemberton played basketball throughout all four years of his high school career and went to play two years of community college basketball. From 2007 until 2010 he was on the United States Virgin Islands Men’s Basketball Junior National Team. He has been playing for Mansfield since the 2013-2014 season.

Career Highs

Points: 29 ||| Field Goals: 13
Assists: 4 ||| 3-Pointers: N/A
Rebounds: 15 ||| Free Throws:
Steals: 3

Pemberton named PSAC Athlete of the Week

Mansfield University standout Charles Pemberton was named the PSAC East Co-Player of the Week for his outstanding performance in Mansfield’s 74-70 win over division-leading East Stroudsburg Saturday afternoon.

Pemberton shares Player of the Week honors with Lock Haven’s Wali Hepburn for the second week straight week.

The senior helped keep Mansfield’s PSAC playoff hopes alive by scoring a game-high 23 points while pulling down five rebounds in the Mountaineers only game of the week. He put on an almost perfect shooting performance, connecting on 11-of-12 attempts from the floor in helping Mansfield snap a eight game losing-streak

to East Stroudsburg while extending their season-high winning streak to four games. With Mansfield trailing 67-61 with just under three minutes to play, Pemberton scored three straight baskets, two of them coming off offensive rebounds, over a 90 second span to tie the game at 67-67 and ignite a 12-0 Mansfield run. For the season Pemberton ranks 12th in the PSAC in scoring averaging 14.4 points per game and 6th in rebounding (7.8 rpg). He leads the conference, and ranks 2nd in NCAA Division II, in field goal shooting percentage hitting 69.2% of his attempts. It marks the fourth time this season Pemberton has been awarded PSAC East Player of the Week honors.

Mansfield competes in Deneault Invitational

Mountaineer track and field recorded several personal best times at Saturday’s Deneault Invitational hosted by Cornell University.

Jesse Jones hit a personal best in the mile with a PSAC time of 4:25.73. The senior’s time was good for a 6th place finish. Destiny Foster also hit a PR in the mile, finishing 17th at 5:19.13.

Rachel Hohenwarter qualified for PSACs and registered a personal best in the weight throw with an attempt of 42’4” to finish 13th. Jenna Hoefer was right behind Hohenwarter with a throw of 42’3.5”.

Josh Tupper hit an indoor PR and was just shy of a PSAC time in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:00.83. Chris Carlsen finished sixth in the 300-meter dash with a personal best time of 38.90. Melanie Hartley also hit a PR in the 300m at 43.54.

Joelsen Resimo took seventh in the 1,000-meter run at 2:37.56. In the women’s 1,000m, Sara Clauto was 10th at 3:19.18 while Kelley Snyder was 13th at 3:25.57.

Charlsie Bowen finished eighth in the pole vault at 11’3.75”. The freshman also took 14th in the 60-meter hurdles at 10.04.

Finishing 6th in the 400-meter run was Allison Macon at 1:01.93.



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Pictured are Destiny Foster (#2) and Kimblery Stephens (behind Foster). Stephens finished 117th at the Hamilton College Invitational.

The men’s 4x800-meter team of Tupper, Resimo, Jake Portock and Quashaun Jaquay Willis finished second with a time of 8:23.87.

The Mountaineer women’s team of Hilliard, Foster, Lauren Orosz and Destiny Parks took third at 10:16.46.

The Mountaineers will travel to Edinboro for the PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championships starting on Friday.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
27 -Track PSAC Indoor Championships in Edinboro, PA	28 -Track PSAC Indoor Championships in Edinboro, PA -Baseball at St. Augustine’s University (DH) @ 1 & 3 p.m.	1 -Track PSAC Indoor Championships in Edinboro, PA -Baseball at St. Augustine’s University (DH) @ 1 & 3 p.m. -Softball at Goldey-Beacom College (DH)@ 12 & 2.	2	3	4	5
6 -Baseball v. Walsh University @ 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.	7 -Track v. IC4A/ECAC Championships -Softball v. Clarion University & Virginia Union University @ 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball v. Seton Hill University @ 6 p.m.	8 -Track v. IC4A/ECAC Championships -Baseball v. Upper Iowa University @ 3 p.m. -Softball v. St. Augustine’s & Edinboro University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	9 -Track v. IC4A/ECAC Championships -Baseball v. West Chester @ 3 p.m.	10 -Baseball v. Tiffin University & Seton Hill University @ 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. -Softball v. Virginia State University @ 2 & 4 p.m.	11 -Baseball v. Upper Iowa University @ 10 a.m. -Softball v. Shaw University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	12

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Mansfield University Brass Band competing in national competition



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The Mansfield University Brass Band is under the direction of Nathan Rinnert

The Mansfield University Brass Band will compete at the North American Brass Band Championships on March 13, 2015 - March 14, 2015.

The Mansfield University Brass Band is under the direction of Nathan Rinnert. The Brass Band will be traveling to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

On Friday, March 13, two soloists will represent Mansfield. Dylan Krall playing tenor horn and Marissa Pattison on euphonium. A brass quintet, tuba-euphonium quartet and percussion trio are also playing the first day of the competition.

The entire band will complete Saturday, March 14 at the Historic Embassy Theater.

"Competing is important to the band," Rinnert said. "Not competition that leads to bringing home a trophy, but competition that serves each individual and the group to make us all better today

than we were yesterday. We'll do our best."

The North American Brass Band Championship is held by the National American Brass Band Association (NABBA).

The NABBA was founded in 1983. Its main purpose is to sponsor and hold local, state, regional, national and international contests. The main purpose is promoting and encouraging the establishment's growth and development of amateur and professional British-type brass bands throughout the United States and Canada. They support and help further the music education of its members, to advance the public's appreciation of British-type brass bands. Also, to serve as a resource for musical and organizational assistance throughout North America.

The competition is comprised of more than 27 brass bands and percussionists across the United

States and Canada. Fort Wayne's Old Crown Brass Band will also compete in the competition.

Wednesday March 11, the Mansfield University Brass Band will stop at Avon High School, located outside of Cleveland Ohio, during their trip to Fort Wayne. While there they will work with the enrolled students and perform in concert in the evening.


For more information on the championships, go to www.nabba.org/championships. Tickets are available on www.ticketmaster.com.



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The NABBA was founded in 1983


Weekly Weather

Friday

 Sunny


High:27 Low:12

Saturday

 Cloudy


High:41 Low:19

Sunday

 Cloudy


High:38 Low:18

Monday

 Cloudy


High:42 Low:21

Tuesday

 Sunny


High:41 Low:25

Wednesday

 Sunny

High:40 Low:20

Thursday

 Sunny

High:40 Low:18

Information taken from
www.weather.com
Weather icons from Dotvoid

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Campus Bulletin Board

- GRE (Graduate Record Examinations®) will be offered in Retan Center at Mansfield University. The paper-based GRE Subject Tests (Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Literature and English, Mathematics, and Physics) will be offered on April 18, 2015. Students must register prior to 3/17/2015. Visit www.ets.org for free study info and to register.

- The PCSW (President’s Commission on the Status of Women) are hosting an event on campus for women. The “Women of Distinction Career Expo” will be held on Thursday, March 26.

- The Computer Science Club is hosting a lecture on March 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Retan G-1. The subject will be Internet Security for your Personal Computer. This event is free and open to all Mansfield University Students, faculty and staff, as well as the general public.

- The second payment due date for your student tuition/fees and housing/dining is March 11, 2015. All balances must be paid by this

due date. Late fee for outstanding balances after this date will be assessed. Please see your latest statement by logging onto [my.mansfield](http://my.mansfield.edu) under current billing. Questions can be directed to 570-662-4411 or studentservices@mansfield.edu

- There will be free STD testing on Friday, March 6, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mansfield University Campus Clinic. The testing is on a first come, first served basis. The nurse will take a urine and/or blood sample at the appointment. The testing is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

- Student Registration and Financial Services are available to assist students in completing their 2015-16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) in Elliott Hall Room 108 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on April 15 and April 28. Students are to bring their parents and students 2014 tax information and federal PIN.

- PSECU is offering a deal for Mansfield University students. If you join PSECU and satisfy the requirements, you could receive up to \$250 in bonuses. Visit PSECU Office in Lower Manser Hall to get all the promotion details and apply for membership, or go to beyourchange.com/get50. PSECU is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration. Equal Opportunity Lender.

Due to a lack of disciplinary actions, there is no Police Beat in this weeks issue of the Flashlight. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Kelchner Spring Break Hours

Kelchner Fitness Center Hours:

- March 6: 6a.m. to 11p.m.

- March 7: 9a.m. to 9p.m.

- March 8: 2p.m. to 10p.m.

-March 9: 10a.m. to 8p.m.

-March 10-12: 10a.m. to 6p.m.

-March 13: 10a.m. to 9p.m.

-March 14: 9a.m. to 6p.m.

- March 15: 2p.m. - 10p.m.

Climbing Wall Hours:

- March 5: 11a.m. to 1p.m.

- March 6: 4p.m. to 9p.m.

- March 7: 1p.m. to 6p.m.

- March 9: 4p.m. to 7:30p.m.

- March 11: 4p.m. to 6p.m.

- March 12: 11a.m. to 1p.m.


- March 13: 4p.m. to 9p.m.

- March 14: 1p.m. to 6p.m.

No group fitness or intramurals will take place over spring break

We will have limited belay staff available at the climbing wall over spring break

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

-3/3/15- Gen. Petraeus expected to plead guilty to federal charges

- Petraeus resigned as CIA chief when the affair came to light in 2012

- He allegedly provided classified intelligence to his mistress, Paula Broadwell

-3/3/15- Hundreds of skeletons found under Paris supermarket

- More than 200 skeletons found under Monoprix grocery store

- The store is on a site where a hospital cemetery was located, dating to 12th century

-3/3/15- One of FBI’s most wanted terrorists captured in Somalia

- Left the United States in July 2012 to join al Qaeda in Somalia

- Mohamed was born in Somalia but is a naturalized U.S. citizen

- Mohamed is wanted by the FBI for allegedly providing material support to terrorists

-3/2/15- Iraqi forces try to wrest Tikrit back from ISIS’ firm grip

- Iraq stages an offensive against ISIS in Tikrit

- ISIS has generally controlled Tikrit since 2014

-3/2/15- The health risks of cyberbullying in college

- Girls who reported being cyberbullied were three times more likely to meet clinical criteria for depression

- If connected to unwanted sexual advances, the odds of depression went up sixfold

- Even cyberbullies suffer from depression and are more likely to abuse alcohol

Andrew Putt revives the Carontawan Yearbook

By **ANDREW PUTT**
Flashlight Contributor

For the first time since 1989, Andrew Putt, Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Carontawan Yearbook, works with Mansfield University students to revive it.

Drawn from Native American origins and meaning "little town on the hill," Carontawan (Kär-ōn-tá-wen) is more than just a great descriptor of Mansfield. It is the yearly record of the people, events, pictures, and stories that shape our University. However, since 1989, the Carontawan has not been cataloging our stories or capturing the events of Mansfield University students. That is a going to change. It is time to clear a space on bookshelves everywhere. For the first time in 25 years, students at Mansfield University have pulled together to revive the publication. With such a rich past at Mansfield University, we knew the struggle to bring the publication back and make it exciting again.

In the generation of social media, we understood that our book must be as technologically savvy as we are. From humble

beginnings as the Mansfield Catalog in the late 1800's, to the Carontawan Yearbook in 1918. We wanted to reinvent the next generation of the Carontawan. This year, Mansfield University and the Yearbook staff are proud to reintroduce the Carontawan. It is reinvented, and completely reimagined. Keeping the same historic name, and using a design theme from the 1982 Carontawan publication among many other borrowed elements, we wanted to highlight the Carontawan's rich history at Mansfield.

With technology greatly improved from the last time the word Carontawan rolled across a printing press, we knew we would have to make it a part of the digital age. So in addition to a purchasable hardcopy book, the Carontawan also features a digital picture, and video archive accessible to absolutely everyone. Using our free Replay-it App through Jostens®, any student, alumni, parent, community or faculty member can take, upload, and view pictures of Mansfield events. Every year the pictures and uploaded videos will be saved in a digital time capsule that can be accessed by anyone who purchases

that year's book.

This technology allows us to capture more than ever before. They tell each story from every angle. This effort has been a monumental task almost two years in the making. We could not be where we are today without the students, University officials, and the Student Government Association, to whom we owe great thanks. We would also like to thank the Alumni for their continued support and guidance.

If you would like to learn more about the revival of the Carontawan, or would like to support us, you can easily reach our staff at carontawan@outlook.com. Also help show your support by purchasing this historic publication at Jostens.com, through the Mansfield University Bookstore, or by using the link on the Replay-it App. To stay connected to events at Mansfield University and to help us in telling Mansfield's story, download Replay-it or access it online, and start uploading your pictures today. Together, we can cover all the invaluable stories of Mansfield University for generations to come.

Want to build your resume and have a fun time doing it? Do you love journalism? Join the Flashlight! You don't have to be a communication major either! Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Mansfield University teams up with Animal Care Sanctuary to bring joy to Mansfield students

By **MATTHEW RONCEVICH**
Staff Writer

Featuring cats and dogs, Mansfield University and Animal Care Sanctuary held a successful event earlier this semester.

Earlier this semester we were given the chance to distress and relax. We had the chillin' with the canines and flirtin' with the felines event. It was only two hours long, but fulfilled all of the hype it was given. They managed to reach over a hundred people who went to visit the function in just under an hour. Attendance was great just like the event that was held last spring semester. This was set up by student life and Animal Care Sanctuary.

The event showcased five dogs and three cats. The Animal Care Sanctuary brought five dogs: Henry, Casey, Brady, Lola and Jasmine. The cats were: Uno, Mopar and Helix. Only two of the eight animals in attendance were available for adoption. One dog, Jasmine and a cat named Helix. People were able to pet the dogs. They let them lick everyone's faces and

were even picked up. The only animal able for holding was Jasmine. She was a small dog and not given ample amount of attention. The cats on the other hand were given the majority of attention. They were in a large cage, able to be taken out and held by the students there. Uno actually would walk upon students' shoulders moving from one person to another. Helix the one who is available for adoption was a calmer cat but has a rambunctious side to him.

The Animal Care Sanctuary has been doing these events for the students of Mansfield University since the fall 2013 semester. The next event will be held on May 5, 2015. This event will coincide with finals. They hope for more people this time to raise more awareness for the dogs that are available for adoption. If you want to volunteer or even adopt an animal from Animal Care Sanctuary, you can call at (570) 724-3687 or visit their website at www.animalcaresanctuary.org. They are always asking for volunteers and can always use it.

Kelchner Fitness Center offers fitness opportunities for students

By **MATTHEW RONCEVICH**
Staff Writer

KFC is a great place to go when you are looking for something to do. No, it is not the one that sells you delicious fried chicken. It is actually our very own Kelchner Fitness Center. Kelchner is where people at this school can go if they want to work out, stay fit, and have some sort of program. Not many students take advantage of the opportunity. They are either too shy, not motivated enough, or too scared. One of the biggest reasons is that so many people do not know if they want to be around so many people working out at one time.

After interviewing the director of the Kelchner Fitness Center Amy DeLozier, who is the only professional staff on campus, about Kelchner. She told me all about some of the things that students may not know. They have many different equipment and rooms for multiple uses. There are machines for mostly endurance workouts and also body building equipment. There are rooms that can be rented out for programs and also racquet ball courts. They have basketball courts and the rock wall that has been quite popular according to Amy.

Amy also mentioned how they offer a

lot of things to rent out for outside use. They rent out bikes for students that will go to Walmart and other places. Also they offer backpacks that can be used for hiking and other activities. They also rent out basketballs for their courts and flag football equipment for games. The only thing needed is an ID card that they hold on to until the items are returned.

The programs that they offer are normally run by a club or organization. There are some run by Kelchner itself. They have offered programs like Zumba and different types of yoga. They also offer intramural sports to anyone willing to play and find a team. Kelchner intramural sports are basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, and soccer. Anyone can play and many people do. There are no restrictions to who can join. There are schedules are organized by the staff and they referee the games be fair. The staff does not only do this, they also do desk work, rent outs, make sure everybody is safe, and are personal trainers for other students. These are all students, but if there are any questions for anything Amy DeLozier is willing to answer questions and aid students whenever necessary. You can reach her at adelozier@mansfield.edu anytime or at her office number (570) 662-4865. She

Committe on Finance processes proposed budgets

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) did not meet on March 3 as scheduled, due to Mansfield University closing for inclement weather. The Student Government Association did have an online vote which would determine the striking of two lines in the Constitution of SGA.

The two lines in question were lines Article 3: Section 1, Subsection D and Article 3: Section 2, Subsection A, Part 4. The first line states: a person must have completed at least one semester on SGA before taking office, and the later states: that a person would have to complete the complete semester on SGA before taking office. Both lines refer to taking the office of President or Vice President.

The online vote determined to strike Article 3: Section 2, Subsection A: Part 4, but did not affect Article 3: Section 1, Subsection D. The vote will now allow a person that served on SGA for on semester to run for the position of President or Vice President.

The Committee on Finance (CoF) had budget meetings on February 28, they meet for about nine hours going over all of the budgets proposed. Afterward an email was

sent out to all of the students of the organizations with budgets. If you have any questions or comments be sure to stop in the SGA office or email CoF at cof@mansfield.edu.

SGA will be hosting RED Fridays, RED stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. Every Friday wear the color red to show support to all who serve to let them all know that we have not forgotten them and appreciate their sacrifice to our country.

On April 3, 2015 we want to have the entire campus show their support by wearing red. And we also are having a photo taken on the football field that day of all the students, faculty and staff that come out to support. Wearing the color red will also show school pride and support of our University.

There will be free t-shirts and food at the football field on the 3rd of April. This is a collaborated effort between SGA and one of Mansfield's students, Cecil Cooper.



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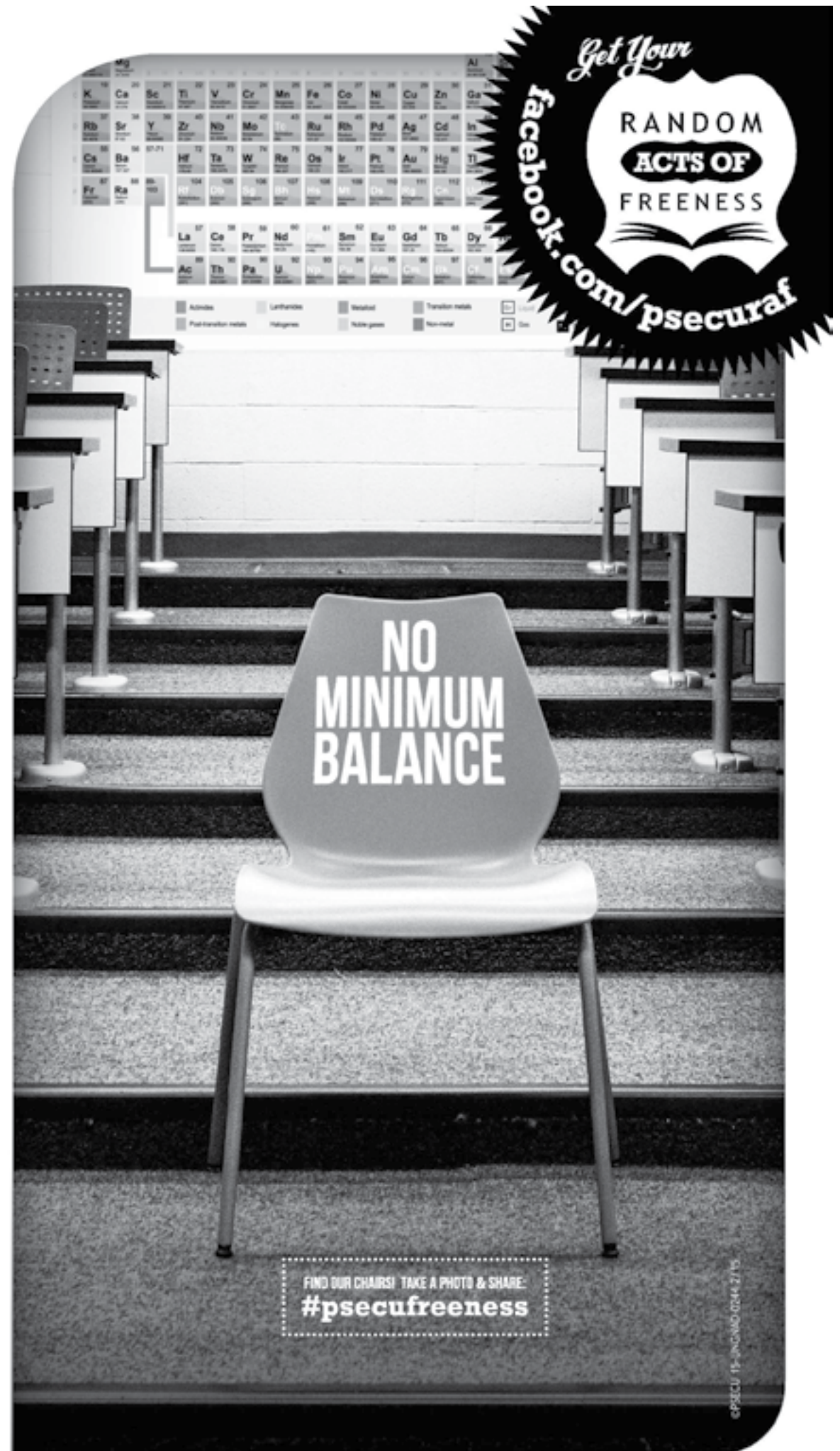
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Letter to the Editor: Restating Sycamore’s pending changes

This letter is in response to the Feb. 20, 2015 Volume 104 of Mansfield University’s Flashlight Issue 4 article titled Sycamore to provide co-ed living and drinking privileges written by the News Editor Lori Engle.

Upon reading the article, I found that much of the information provided was misleading or inaccurate. I wanted to clarify these new policies for the sake of anyone with the intentions of living in Sycamore in the future or whoever else may desire to know exactly what changes are occurring.

According to Residence Director Benjamin Auger who currently supervises Sycamore, Sycamore Hall will be made available next semester for the primary habitation of Upper-class students.

This includes but is not limited to individuals who are 21 years of age or older. Students who are not yet 21 are still allowed to live in Sycamore Hall; however, as per state and federal law they will not be permitted to consume alcoholic beverages.

This means that legal-age students will be permitted to have reasonable amounts of alcohol within their rooms to be shared or consumed by individuals of legal age only.

The law still exists in situations pertaining to the illegal possession or provision of alcoholic substances to minors.

It is also important to note that students of age who choose to consume alcohol are still bound by the reality that this responsibility of possessing alcohol on campus can be revoked upon its misuse or abuse.

This touches on the ideas that Mr. Chuck Colby of Residence Life was quoted on in the article. Residents of this building are older and on their way out of college and into the ‘real world’. By providing them with the legal privileges that they would otherwise have, Residence Life is now broadening their effort to prepare students with essential life skills and responsibilities.

I would briefly mention that residents will be required to attend their upcoming floor meetings in order to hear the full extent of what is being offered in Fall 2015 and to ask any questions they may have.

For instance, the meetings will define ‘Gender-Neutral Housing’. The “co-ed” housing that was discussed in Ms. Engle’s article addresses the new opportunity in Sycamore for students of any gender to room with one another.

Gender-neutral rooms will only be permitted in units that have private bedrooms. The units that would be permitted for this kind of living would be the ‘C-unit’ and the ‘E-unit’ in Sycamore Hall.

This is because every individual in these rooms would be able to separate themselves in personal safe environments within the room. There are many amazing changes happening next year.

For more information, please attend the floor meetings in the residence halls to learn more about the upcoming opportunities in Sycamore and the rest of Mansfield University’s exemplary Housing, Dining & Residence Life department. Look for the acronym UILH(Upper-class Independent Living Hall).

Thanks,
Hunter Hill

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Movie Review: *Fifty Shades of Grey*

By **EVAN JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Fifty Shades Of Grey, the film, had a bunch of hype behind it.

It had a Valentine's Day release, and was supposed it be one of the hottest films in recent years. Most people saw this film for the sex scenes rather than the acting which was nothing special because of the poor direction and just overall poor script.

The two main characters are the troubled, enigmatic Christian Grey (sounds like a bad porn name), played by Ireland-native and former Calvin Cline model Jamie Dornan. His role in The Fall TV series as one of the best on-screen serial killers in recent years has proven his capability at acting, but he sadly could not do the role of Christian Grey justice.

The other character is literary student Anastasia Steele (sounds like an equally bad porn name), played by Dakota Johnson, who

is the daughter of actor Don Johnson and Melanie Griffith.

Ana falls under Grey's spell: he is young, successful, rich, handsome, and then there is the bad boy complex---atleast in the bedroom. He reminded me of a poorly acted wealthy serial killer. I guess Ana's initial lack of experience in the bedroom made her not the best judge of character when choosing a lover.

The film has a lot riding on it because of the huge popularity of the book. There are many problems with the film, but there is one big problem, it is an absolutely terrible film. I do not care who it cast, this movie is destined to fail.

The writing is mediocre at best and it tries way too hard to be something it is not. It tries to be a romance film but it is neither that or erotic. Just because there is a lot of sex in the film, does not mean it is erotic. All of the sex in the film, yes even the stuff with nipple clamps, appeared to me as trying too hard to be romantic. It is not romantic. It is a poor

attempt at making soft porn but dressing it as a romantic film with straps and chains.

You may be surprised to read that I feel it is not erotic. At least it is not anything new and some of the more iconic scenes from the novel, the tampon scene for example, were taken out. Google that if you are interested in finding out what it is because it is certainly not worth reading the book over, or so I've been told.

I have never read the books because I do enough research on a book before I decide to read it and it definitely is not worth my time. Remember how I said Christian and Ana's names sounded like bad porn names? Well, the names are not the only thing in the movie that sounded like something out of a bad porno.

I think the best part, and when I say best I mean so bad that it was funny but still not good, was the part with the contract. It was basically a contract that was between Christian and Ana that would outline the submissive

roles that she would be willing to go to. Also the crazy sexual acts that she would be willing to try in order to please her dominant and hunky billionaire lover man that has as much personality as a Ken doll.

The dialogue and sex scenes are not helped by the equally poor soundtrack. It was just awful, even if you like that type of music you would probably agree that it felt out of place and/or ridiculous at times.

I think the best thing that anybody could do is to not dull your senses with this train wreck of a film. Hopefully, Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson will get over the fame that came with making this film and realize how terrible it is. Maybe then they will decide not to make any more of the books in the trilogy.

To summarize, if you want to see a good film that has a good mix of romance and sex, watch Secretary because this film has nothing that makes it worth watching.

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Housing Contract Sign Up Begins

Prof explores dual nature of drilling

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

It's that time of year again: Room Selection.

In the past week you have probably had a floor meeting and received a check for \$200 from Mansfield University for your housing refund.

The thought behind this is that students will put the money toward their \$100 deposit to hold their room for fall semester. When students sign their housing agreement they need to pay the \$100 with an e-check or credit card. Along with the check comes another change. Each semester the student will have to pay \$100.

This is a time sensitive issue. The agreement starts March 9, 2015 at noon and ends March 20, 2015 at 8 a.m. Students need to sign the agreement, which can be found on mymansfield.edu.

After you log onto mymansfield, you click the orange button that says "My Housing," and then click login. After this point you follow the instructions based on your criteria: "Returning students" or "new and transfer students." Anyone looking to live off campus will have to fill out a housing exemption form which you can get to by clicking on the "Apply Online" button. Make sure you have a house before choosing this option.

The roommate selection process will start March 23, at noon and ends March 26, at 8 a.m.

If you want to live in an C, E, or F unit you must sign up with your roommates. You will not be able to sign up and have others fill in.

Third year residents can sign up for specific rooms between March 30, at noon and April 1st, 2015 at 8 a.m. Second year residents can sign up from April 2, at noon to April 4, at 8 a.m. First year students can sign up from April 6, at noon to April 8th, 2015 at 8 a.m.

Spruce and Sycamore will be gender neutral only in C, E, and F units. This means that male and female students can share a living area but sleep in separate rooms.

In a case that a male and female are living together, if the female were to move out of the room, then the male would get another male roommate and vice versa.

Sycamore will also have two floors for students 21 and over. There will be a limit for the amount of alcohol allowed in the dorm, so there will be no raging "keggers." The general rule for alcohol consumption is that if the Resident Assistant can not see it or hear it, you are in the clear.

To be able to live on one of the floors, you will need to be 21 before the start of the semester. If you turn 21 during the semester, you may be able to live on the floor during the next semester.

*Information in this article is based on posters and floor meetings. Please ask your Residents Assistant for further information.

By **EMILY SHOSH**
Staff writer

Dr. Jimmy Guignard, professor and chair of the English department at Mansfield University, author, and avid cyclist, presented A Certain Uncertainty: Examining the Rhetoric of Natural Gas in Allen Hall 104, February 19, at 7 p.m. As part of the Institute of Science and the Environment's monthly speaker series, Guignard spoke about how language shapes attitudes toward growing science and industry of natural gas.

With his well-attended presentation to students, faculty, and community members, Guignard aimed to share with the audience how science and industry differ in operation, and how each are perceived by the public.

While the world of science moves rather carefully and uses a holistic outlook, the industry moves faster, not so cautiously, and uses a narrower outlook. Guignard also shared the idea that science goes where new findings take it, whereas the industry finds a specific goal and does not waver.

Guignard then spoke about how the two entities present themselves to us, the public. The work of scientists aims toward acquiring ever-changing knowledge about Marcellus Shale and Hydraulic Fracking, and sharing the information with us. The work of the gas industry aims to make a business, using scientists' discoveries. To the public, the industry has been promising job opportunities and clean, efficient energy through the use of well-crafted ad campaigns.

However, the world of science has been doing lots of intensive studies, and publishing new findings which are not always in basic

terms. All the while, the two bodies converse and sometimes argue as each tries to understand and accommodate "new and improved" information and technology.

Herein lies the messy uncertainty of Natural Gas, according to Guignard. In this race to determine what is best for us and the environment, it is hard to decipher which line of argument we should believe.

Guignard encouraged the audience to consider five main ideas:

1. Recognize the differing motivations of Science and Industry
 2. Understand values involved with this debate
 3. Realize that some books, articles, and studies are often only a part of the whole story – considering the sources is crucial
 4. Seek out actions that allow alternatives and possibilities
- Embrace the mess

The Institute of Science and the Environment is newly established and uses an all-inclusive attitude to examine Natural Gas development. Every third Thursday of each month, a new speaker will share knowledge and advice on a handful of topics pertaining to Natural Gas. All presentations are free to the public, and welcome students and faculty from any academic major.

For more information, contact directors Dr. Christopher Kopf at (570) 662-4615 or email ckopf@mansfield.edu or Lilace Guignard at (570) 404-4666 or email lguignar@mansfield.edu.

Recipe Column:

Cheesecake!

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

For this simple recipe, you need 2 ounces of cream cheese, 2 tablespoons sour cream, one egg, ½ a teaspoon lemon juice, ¼ teaspoon vanilla and 2-4 tablespoons sugar depending on your taste buds. I suggest you start with 3.

After you add these ingredients together in a microwave safe bowl, stir them. I personally would use a cereal bowl or a plastic container. Microwave the mix for 90 seconds. Here's the important part: every 30 seconds stir it. You'll stir it before it goes in, at 60 seconds, 30 seconds, and when the time is up. The last mandatory step is to put the concoction in the fridge for about one hour so it can set.

The actual last step is to decorate it. Cherries, blueberries, or whatever fruit you choose and whipped cream. Probably the whole container of whipped cream because it is so good.

There are a few alternatives for this recipe. The sugar can be replaced with any alternatives, such as Splenda. The cream cheese can be low fat. You can use just an egg white if you choose and if you do not like sour cream then you can use Greek yogurt.

No matter what you top it with, as always, Enjoy!

Word of the Week:

- Serendipity
noun \ser-uh n-dip-i-tee\
1. an aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident.
2. good fortune; luck:

Quote of the Week:

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."
-William Butler Yeats

Lyric of the Week:

"I love this light in winter time, those frost cakes in the carpet."
- Animal Collective

Fact of the Week:

People who are blind still dream. When they are born blind, they see shadows and shapes. A person who was not born blind, dreams of previous visual experiences.

The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel's Tragic Life

By **HEATHER RITTER**
Sports Editor

Daisy

You know, sitting by yourself in a room, shackled to a chair, isn't exactly how I imagined I'd be spending my evening.

After the door had opened, the man, the "muscles," stepped in and flicked on a light. I gasped and closed my eyes against the sudden burst of pain in my retinas. "Ouch," I grunted.

"Sorry," he said.

I faltered, keeping my eyes closed. Did the bad guy just apologize to me?

"Are you okay, Daisy?"

My blood ran cold. He did not need to be saying my name. It sounded like honey on his tongue, and I shuddered. I cracked my lids, "Yeah? I, uh, I'm fine. Thanks for asking."

He didn't appreciate my tone. His thin lips underscored his 70s-esq mustache as he drew them taught. "I know this is probably not the ideal situation for you—"

"—ahh, yes, because I imagined my kidnapper to be more gallant, like Shrek or something—"

He snorted. "—what's important is that you understand that your imprisonment is entirely necessary and actually a reparation."

"A reparation?" I tilted my head. "What's that supposed to mean?"

"By definition, payback."

I deflated. "I know what reparation is. What I don't understand is how a human being—a sweet, innocent," he smirked and the hair on the back of my neck stood at

attention, "...a teenager, like me, how could I be someone's reparation? I don't even know you."

He nodded. His expression had gone placid, but his gray stormy eyes shown beneath his dusty blonde hair. "Look, kid, I'm just a lackey, and as just-a-lackey, I can't tell you anything that you want to know. I know, terrible, right? My point in coming in here was to make sure you were still alive, that's all."

I stared at his polished black shoes. "Okay," I said.

"If you need something, just holler," he said, turning to leave.

"Five-star service, huh?" I murmured.

"What was that?"

"Nothing. I'll totally 'holler.'" I paused. "You know, my wrists are kind of chaffing in these cuffs, maybe you could—" he shut the door. I scowled. "Nice. Really nice." I shifted slightly so my weight wasn't against my wrists.

At least he didn't turn the light off when he left, I noted. There was nothing new to be seen in the room, just the glinting of the metal table. It seemed to drill through my eyes into my head, and I felt a migraine coming on. Fantastic.

What do I do now? Daniel was going to be captured, too. What would that accomplish? What were we being captured for? None of this made sense—it was like a B-movie gone wrong. No clear plot, constant rising action for no apparent reason. I smiled. A beautiful girl all tied up. I tossed my hair over my shoulder, a small part of me hoping that some kind of cute superhero would bust through the door and whisk me away.

Time passed like that for a while. I mused over different things. Sometimes I sang to myself. I ventured Miley Cyrus's "Can't Be Tamed," but then the mysterious captor slammed his fist on the door and shouted for me to shut my mouth. I was silent for a while after that.

Then, suddenly, a scuffle of boots. Grunted words and heaving breathing. "Fire... Failed, he's still alive."

"Paramedics..."

"...note left..."

"Idiot shouldn't have—"

"This always happens."

This was absurd to me. How could a repeat criminal do his job wrong? I bolted upright, my wrists screaming against the cuffs. Fire? Paramedics? Still alive... Was my brother at the hospital? Oh god, why would they set him on fire? A scream bit at the back of my throat, but I swallowed it. That wouldn't help. I needed to keep calm, keep calm.

Without warning the door slammed open. Muscles was back again. He looked distraught. "You're coming to another room," he said, coming behind me to uncuff me. "You're not going to fight, or you'll end up

just like your brother."

"What did you do to him?" I shouted, my heart rising to my mouth. "Oh my god, is he okay?"

He grabbed my elbow and yanked me to my feet. "Come on. One more word and you'll be waking up in the next room instead of walking there." I bit my lip until it bled, desperate to beg but refusing to give him the chance to hurt me again. I wouldn't do that.

His legs were much longer than mine and he literally dragged me down the hall when I couldn't keep up with him. We were in some kind of office complex.

There were desks everywhere, but few men. The men that sat in cubicles were engrossed in their computers. They wore headsets and seemed to be muttering to each other every so often. I had no idea which way we went or where I came from. Every time I tried to look for too long, I was yanked forward by a swift step.

And then I was shoved into an identical room to the one I had just been in. The only difference—

"Daniel!"

Career Center: The Dream Resume

By **ANTHONY WILCOX**
Staff Writer

Can you sell yourself? Can you make yourself stand out to an employer among the other applicants? If not, you should keep reading. The Career Center is always willing to help with editing and reviewing resumes and cover letters. All you have to do is make an appointment. Our staff will gladly help you sound more appealing to your future employers.

In mostly all cases, resumes and cover letters are the reason that employers ask you to come in for an interview. They see that you are an intelligent, prestigious, liberal arts college student and they want to have you in their business, company, or corporation. You made your resume stand out or at least stopped the common trend of average resumes. If the resume used was taken from a template on Word, it can be labeled as average.

Make your resume stand out. Make that employer salivate all over their \$25,000 desk. Resumes and cover letters are a pivotal point in the interview and hiring process because that is your first impression to your prospective employer. If you are applying to a larger business many applications may be coming in for the same job.

Don't let John Doe take your dream job. Do your best at making your resume stand

out. Don't use any resume templates on Word and make sure your resume flows. List events that happened close together but make sure that you can speak about that event and how it benefitted you in some way. Employers always like to hear of how you bettered your knowledge. Make your resume pop! Evaluate your experience. Brainstorm events that have had a big impact on your life and also think about what you gained during those events. Those are important pieces to the puzzle.

If you followed the previous steps, you should be getting a call for an interview date. Your new boss will also tell you that they looked over your resume and cover letter and they had a heart attack (figurative of course). With that being said, you should be able to ride the wave into harbor and land the job that you've been searching for.

Those are just a few quick tips from the Career Center, which always looks to benefit MU students. Don't forget to make your appointment for a resume and cover letter review! For summer job searching and internships use the Mountie Career Connection found at career.mansfield.edu. Students can find more helpful career advice across from the Mountie Den. The Career Center has a monthly bulletin board full of quick facts about how to prepare for your professional career.

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Mountaineer men's basketball falls short of playoffs with a 90-78 loss to West Chester

Mansfield saw its PSAC playoff hopes slip away on the free throw lines of Hollinger Field House Wednesday night in a season ending 90-78 loss to West Chester.

West Chester scored 42 of its 90 points from the free throw line and shot 55 free throws in the game that featured a total of 54 fouls and 82 free throws.

The loss combined with Shippensburg's 76-53 win over Cheyney ended the Mountaineers PSAC playoff hopes. Although Mansfield and Shippensburg tied for sixth-place in the PSAC East, Shippensburg gets the final berth on a tiebreaker with a win over West Chester earlier in the season.

Mansfield was called for 33 total fouls with three starters, Joe Bell, Thomas Moore and Ralik Wise, fouling out of the game.

Mansfield erased an early 10-5 West Chester lead and used a 7-3 run midway through the first to take a 20-15 lead at the midway point of the first half.

West Chester countered with a 14-1 run over the next three minutes, taking a 29-21 lead on a pair of free throws by Raheem Hall. The Golden Rams would extend that lead to 46-31 with just under three minutes remaining before halftime before Mansfield closed the gap to 51-39 on a Eric Lewis layup at the buzzer.

West Chester made 21-of-24 free throws during the first half of play.

Mansfield roared out of the locker room in the second half with Thomas Moore scoring the Mountaineers first six points. Bell hit a layup to close the gap to 56-51 just over three minutes into the second half but Moore was whistled for his fourth foul seconds later sending him to the bench. He would pick up his fifth foul minutes later.

West Chester extended its lead to 60-52 but Mansfield rallied again pulling to 60-57 when Bell hit a layup and an ensuing layup seven minutes into the half.

But West Chester got back-to-back 3-pointers from Mike Wilson to go up 66-58 a minute later and take a double-digit 69-58 led with 11 minutes to go.

Mansfield never backed down and never gave up cutting the lead 75-67 on the first of two straight 3-pointers by senior Kamil Parcyh with just over four minutes to play with both Moore and Bell on the bench after fouling out of the game.

Despite being in foul trouble, Pemberton recorded his third-straight double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Bell and Ralik Wise each added 14 points with Wise also pulling down eight rebounds.

Bell become the first player in Mansfield basketball history to surpass 1900 points in career scoring and ends his four-year run as the Mountaineers all-time leading scorer with 1904 points.

Parish Grant led West Chester with 19 points.



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In high school, Eric Lewis had the third highest overall scoring average in Division B.

Track and field participates in PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championships at Edinboro

Mountaineer track and field participated in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Indoor Track and Field Championships hosted by Edinboro University on Feb 28 and March 1.

Sophomore Destiny Foster placed seventh in the 5,000-meter run with a personal best time of 17:44.60. Foster improved upon her previous PR by nearly 11 seconds to score two teams points.

Sophomore Lauren Orosz was the second fastest Mountaineer in the 5K, finishing 19th overall with a PR of 18:33.16. Fellow sophomore Allison McCurry finished 24th at 19:00.12 with freshman Sarah Morin coming in at 27th with a time of 19:08.52.

Charlsie Bowen placed fifth in the pole vault and earned four team points in her first PSAC Championship meet. Bowen cleared the third-best height in the field at 11' 2.25", but finished fifth overall due to missing the first attempt in each of her last three heights.

Freshman Josh Tupper just missed qualifying for the 400-meter finals, finishing ninth in prelims with a time of 50.18. The time was almost a full second faster than his previous PR set two weeks ago at Colgate.

The women's distance medley relay team of Melanie Hilliard, Melanie Hartley,



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Senior Jordan Boothe is majoring in graphic design.

Allison Macon and Destiny Parks placed seventh overall with a time of 13:03.08 to earn two team points. The men's DMR team of Carson Ayers, Chris Carlsen, Quashaun Jaquay Willis and Shakim Blackwell finished ninth at 10:40.83.

Senior Jesse Jones turned in a 15:26.70 in the 5K to finish 17th overall.

Senior Jenna Hoefer took 21st in the weight throw competition with her

best heave of 43' 7.25". Junior Rachel Hohenwarter was 25th in the weight throw with a mark of 38' 3.25".

After day one of competition, the Mountaineer women's team was 11th with eight team points. The men's team was unranked in team scoring.

The PSAC Championships concluded on Sunday.

Joelsen Resimo earned two team points

placing seventh overall in the mile run with his time of 4:21.93. The senior bettered his seed time by over a second.

Allison Macon just missed the podium with a ninth place finish in the 800-meter run with a personal best time of 2:19.72. Macon improved her time by nearly three seconds and jumped nine spots from where she was seeded.

Sophomore Destiny Foster finished 10th in the 3,000-meter run with a personal best time of 10:17.09. Fellow sophomore Allison McCurry also hit a PR in the 3K to finish 20th at 10:36.24. On the men's side, Jesse Jones completed the 3K with a time of 8:50.28 to finish 12th overall in the competition.

The men's 4x400- meter relay team of Quashaun Jaquay Willis, Josh Tupper, Chris Carlsen and Grant Nolan finished eighth overall, earning a team point with a time of 3:30.67.

Kyle Blose took 16th in the shot put with his best attempt of 39' 4".

The women's team finished 14th overall with eight team points while the men took 12th overall with three points. Shippensburg swept the men's and women's championships.

Baseball season opening canceled due to inclement weather

Mansfield University baseball's season-opening weekend against St. Augustine's to be played at USA Baseball's Thomas Brooks Park has been canceled due to unplayable field conditions. The Mountaineers were scheduled to play doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday against the Falcons.

Mansfield is set to travel to Clearwater, Fla. over spring break to play eight games starting March 6.

Skipper Harry Hillson, now in his 29th season at the helm of the program, is confident that a strengthened pitching staff to go along with Mansfield's hitting and defensive ability will be enough to turn some heads in a strong baseball conference.

"The key for us is our pitching staff, which is vastly improved" explained Hillson. "We've got a good defensive group coming back and we swing the bat very well"

The biggest addition to the Mountaineer pitching staff is Division I transfer Tommy Alexander from Old Dominion. Alexander has what assistant coach Andy Chalot describes as "everything you're looking for in a number one pitcher." Alexander was an All-Colonial Athletic Association Rookie Team selection for the Monarchs.

Another transfer, southpaw Matt Zielen, has been impressive in preseason camp and will serve as a starter along with freshman Alec Covell. Covell boasts a fastball in the upper 80's and also carries good secondary pitches. Matt Engler returns to the starting rotation after recording three wins in his junior season. Two of those victories came against PSAC opponents.

Another senior returning to the pitching staff is the versatile Louis Sick who can start and pitch out of the bullpen. Sick topped the Mounties with a 4.04 ERA last season. Luke Hils is a hard-throwing freshman who will see some starts on the bump this season.

Jeremy Mapstone will continue to close out games for the Mountaineers in 2015. The senior captain is just six saves from passing Jim Beck (1991-93) and Marty Rakaczewski (2003-04) for most saves in a career at Mansfield.

Senior Zach Sacoman and junior Ryan Matthews are relief pitchers who will be set-up men for Mapstone. Tyler House

and Jeremy Worlinsky are two transfers who will add depth to the Mountaineer bullpen.

Having a good spring is senior Dan Harms who could be a dark horse of the relief staff. Fellow senior Chas Parsons will also pitch out of the bullpen for the Mounties.

Receiving the pitches will be a trio of catchers in Dave Glueck, Wes Custer and Ryan Howard who will all see time behind the plate. Glueck made 13 starts in 2014 while Custer made 12 starts with each recording 10 hits and five runs on the year. Howard, a freshman, has good tools and a lot of upside.

At 6-foot-4, Senior Eric Schanzenbacher makes a big target a first base where he'll primarily play in 2015. Schanzenbacher started all 43 games last season, splitting time between first base and third base. Junior Matt Kurelja will see time at first, but will mostly be the Mounties' designated hitter. Junior Zephany Kash Swings the bat well and can play either first base, the outfield or DH.

Troy Wilson played well during the fall and will start at second base once he returns from illness. Wilson could see time in the outfield as well. Ryan Paige will start the season at second and will also see time at third base.

Sophomore Taylor Hillson, a 2015 2nd Team All-PSAC selection, will move over to shortstop from third base. Hillson is the Mountaineer's top returning hitter from last season, recording a .336 batting average.

Senior captain Anthony Renz had a great summer, being named to D2 Baseball Summer All-American honors. Renz, who's started in 123 of 130 career games will get the nod at third base. Dalton Lewis and Owen Lukens will see time at third base, but have the ability to play just about anywhere on the field.

Mansfield's outfield will be anchored by senior Westyn Baylor who batted .329 last season with a team-best seven home runs. Jacob Molison is a junior transfer from Harford Community College who will start in left field. Scott Rockwell will start in right field on opening day. John Capwell, Eric Harms and Hunter Huyett are contenders to see time in the outfield also.



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Taylor Hillson is from Mansfield and went to high school there.

Mountaineer women's basketball loses final game to West Chester 95-71



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In high school, Kelly was ranked 20th in state in scoring at 19.2 points per game.

Katie Fitzpatrick and Brielle Kelly combined for 43 points but it would be enough as Mansfield closed out the 2014-15 season with a 95-71 loss to West Chester at Hollinger Field House Wednesday night.

Mansfield (3-23, 2-20 PSAC) hung in early trailing just 15-12 on a Fitzpatrick jumper six minutes into the game and still trailed by just three points at 26-23 when Kelly hit a pair of free throws with only eight minutes remaining in the first half.

But West Chester (22-4, 18-4 PSAC) closed the half out with a 17-5 run to take a 43-28 advantage into intermission and Mansfield never threatened in the second half.

Fitzpatrick had an outstanding performance connecting on 10-of-16 from

the floor and pulled down a team-best eight rebounds to lead Mansfield with 22 points. It marked the eighteenth time she's scored in double-figures this season and her sixth game with 20 or more points. A junior, Fitzpatrick now has 895 career points going into her senior season.

Freshman Brielle Kelly scored 21 points with 10 of them coming at the free throw line marking the sixth time in the last seven games she has scored 13 or more points. Sophomore Tianna Jackson added 12 points.

Jasmen Clark had a game-high 28 points for West Chester with 24 of them coming on eight 3-pointers. Serifat Junaid and Dallas Ely each scored 14 points.

Have a suggestion for March's *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to Heather Ritter at flashlit@mansfield.edu by March 27th.

Estremera to play in NFL Regional Combine

The dream continues for Mansfield’s Jeremy Estremera when the Mountaineer’s most versatile sprint football player in the program’s history steps on the field at the Baltimore Raven’s Under Armour Performance Center in Owings Mills this Saturday.

Estremera is believed to be the first CSFL player ever to participate in one of the NFL’s Regional Combines that are being held in Miami, Houston, Denver, Baltimore and Chicago this year.

“I’m really looking forward to the opportunity to show what I can do,” said Estremera. “I’m confident and feel I’m very prepared.”

Estremera earned the chance to participate in the NFL Regional Combine after playing in two post-season All-Star Bowl games after the conclusion of the 2014 campaign. The NFL vets each college senior who files an application for eligibility and skill level before issuing an invitation to participate at a Regional Combine.

The NFL Regional Combines use the same format and drills, with the exception of the L-drill and bench press, which were used in last week’s widely-covered NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis.



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In the 2013 season, Estremera led the team in all-purpose yards with 430.

The National Football League launched the NFL Regional/Super Regional Combines program in 2012 to serve as a supplement to the League’s National Scouting Combine. They are designed to provide an opportunity

for participants to display their pro potential.

NFL Regional Combines are conducted specifically for persons eligible for the 2015 NFL draft that are not participating in the National Scouting Combine.

NFL Regional Combines are held in NFL club facilities and participants are tested and reviewed by experienced NFL scouting personnel. Participants’ measurements and Combine results, including video of their drills, are compiled and entered into a database accessible to all 32 NFL clubs.

Select participants of NFL Regional Combines will be invited to attend the NFL Super Regional Combine. Similar to the National Scouting Combine, invitees will have the opportunity to work out and showcase their talents in front of NFL club scouts and player personnel staff.

The 2015 Super Regional Combine will be held at the Arizona Cardinals Training Facility on Saturday, March 21. Past Super Regional Combines have been held at Ford Field in Detroit (2012 & 2014) and at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas (2013).

A two-time All-CSFL selection, Estremera has played running back, wide out, and the slot position during his four-year career at Mansfield. He rushed for 586 career yards while catching 65 passes for 652 yards. His 16 touchdowns are also a school sprint football record.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6 -Baseball v. Walsh University @ 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.	7 -Track v. IC4A/ECAC Championships -Softball v. Clarion University & Virginia Union University @ 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball v. Seton Hill University @ 6 p.m.	8 -Track v. IC4A/ECAC Championships -Baseball v. Upper Iowa University @ 3 p.m. -Softball v. St. Augustine’s & Edinboro University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	9 -Track v. IC4A/ECAC Championships -Baseball v. West Chester @ 3 p.m.	10 -Baseball v. Tiffin University & Seton Hill University @ 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. -Softball v. Virginia State University @ 2 & 4 p.m.	11 -Baseball v. Upper Iowa University @ 10 a.m. -Softball v. Shaw University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	12
13 -TRACK vs NCAA Indoor Championships -Softball v. Fairmont State University & West Virginia State University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	14 -TRACK vs NCAA Indoor Championships -Softball v. Concord Uni. & West V. A. Wesleyan Uni. @ 12 & 2 p.m. -Baseball v. Bloomsburg Uni. @ 1 & 3 p.m.	15 -Softball v. Uni of V.A.’s College at Wise & Davis & Elkins College @ 9 & 11 a.m. -Baseball v. Bloomsburg Uni. @ 1 & 3 p.m.	16	17	18	19

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Mansfield University Brass Band wins second place at NABBA



By **LORI ENGLE**
News Editor

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Mansfield University Brass Band traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana to compete in the North American Brass Band Championship over spring break.

At the Championship Stephen Bulla was awarded the 2015 NABBA Presidential Award during the Championships Award Ceremony on Saturday, March 14. In his acceptance speech, Bulla "I am honored to receive it and, more importantly, grateful to be a part of this great community of North American brass band enthusiasts. The Championship weekend is a time of meeting old friends, making new ones, and of course is the culmination of many months' hard work." Bulla then mentioned the death of a dear friend and the hard time he was going through. Bulla closed out his speech by saying, "Yes, it's a healthy competition and a great motivator for stretching our bands to higher standards of excellence. But it's also

The brass band's debut performance at the competition (above). NABBA was founded in 1983 (below) a culture of band people that really love the genre and the opportunity to enjoy it together as we share these experiences annually."

The Championship was split into six different competitive categories: Youth Section, Open Section, 3rd Section, 2nd Section, 1st Section, and Championship. The bands had the opportunity to receive up to 300 points.

In the Youth Section, two bands performed. Fountain City Youth Brass Band from Kansas City, Kansas came in first with 280.8 points. Motor City Youth Brass Band from Southfield, Michigan came in second with 263.6 points.

In the Open Section, only one band performed. This band was the Old Crown Brass Band. There is no point value listed.

In the 3rd Section, five bands performed. Chapel Brass from Columbus, Ohio came in first with 277.3 points. Our own Mansfield

University Brass Band came in second with 277.0, only three-tenths away behind. Milwaukee Festival Brass from Milwaukee, Wisconsin came in third with 274.2.

In the 2nd Section, six bands performed. Dublin Silver Band from Central Ohio came in first with 282.8 points. Capital City Brass Band from Lansing, Michigan came in second with 279.2 points. Brass Band of Huntsville from Huntsville, Alabama came in third with 275.2 points.

In the 1st Section, there were eight bands that performed. Weston Silver Band from Toronto, Ontario came in first with 287.2 points. Georgia Brass Band from Atlanta, Georgia came in second with 276.8 points. Pikes Peak Brass Band from Colorado Springs, Colorado came in third with 272.5 points.

In the Championship Section, five bands performed. Fountain City Brass Band from Kansas City, Kansas came in first with 291.4 points.




Atlantic Brass Band from Atlanta, Georgia came in second with 284.2 points. Princeton Brass Band from Princeton, New Jersey came in third place with 275.6 points.

All the information in this article came from the North American Brass Band Association at nabba.org. The above picture was received by a band member, Allison Rosito.


Weekly Weather

Friday

 Snow


High:42 Low:30

Saturday

 Rain


High:50 Low:18

Sunday

 Cloudy


High:33 Low:12

Monday

 Sunny


High:38 Low:15

Tuesday

 Cloudy


High:45 Low:26

Wednesday

 Cloudy

High:50 Low:31

Thursday

 Cloudy

High:56 Low:35

Information taken from
www.weather.com
Weather icons from Dotvold

Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

- Children of Eden will be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 19, 20, 21 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Tickets are available online at <http://go.activecalendar.com/mansfield>, at the door one hour prior to show time, or call 570-662-4711 for reservations. More information about the production can be found at: <http://www.mansfield.edu/theatre/performances/children-of-eden.cfm>
- The President's Commission on the Status of Women invites female students to honor and show their appreciation to a member of the Mansfield University community who has influenced them to become a stronger woman. Nominate your personal mentor, a male or female member of the MU community (students, staff or faculty), by telling us how this person has made a difference in your life. Annual Mentor Appreciation Celebration will be held Thursday, April 2nd at 11:30 a.m. 307 Alumni. Nomination forms are available on PCSW's website at <http://www.mansfield.edu/pcsw/upload/PCSW-Mentor-Nomination-Form-2015.pdf> or by emailing adelozier@mansfield.edu. Nominations should be submitted by Monday, March 23rd 2015 to Amy DeLozier

(PCSW Mentor Nomination) adelozier@mansfield.edu at the Kelchner Fitness Center or by email.

- A PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union) Cap & Gown Promotion will begin on Monday, March 16, 2015 and run until April 24, 2015. Informational posters are around campus and in the Mountie Den. PSECU members who are graduating in May 2015 can go to the PSECU Office and get a voucher to cover the cost, \$28.06, of a cap and gown (first come, first served until vouchers are gone). A valid Mansfield University ID, Driver's License or State ID and verification of your PSECU Account is required. This amount does not provide for the hood that goes with the cap & gown. Students will have to pay for the hood separately. Any graduating senior who is not a PSECU member is eligible to join PSECU during the promotion dates in order to take advantage of this offer. Membership in PSECU is free. Stop into the PSECU office located in Lower Manser Hall for further details.
- Bring a non-perishable food item to be placed in the collection boxes located in the Steadman Theatre Lobby and outside Butler Room 108, Music Department Office. Canned items, cereals, pasta, soups, sauces, etc., will be collected through the month of March and donated to the Mansfield Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Mansfield University Double Reed Society.

POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**
- 3/17/15- At 11:28 p.m., the Mansfield University Police Department received a report of an alcohol violation occurring in Oak room 342. Subsequent investigation revealed evidence of minors in possession of and consuming alcohol. Emily Blidy, 18, Thomas Fricke, 18, Katherine Lipski, 18, Jesse Mcginness, 19, Keri McQuaid, 18, Abbie Predmore, 19, and Chelsea Tanco, 18, will be judicially referred to campus life authorities. In addition, all but McQuaid will be issued citations relating to the alcohol violation.
- 3/11/15- Around 7:30 p.m., university police responded to the report

of a suspicious odor in Laurel Manor first floor B side. Subsequent investigation determined the odor to be marihuana and police recovered a small amount of marijuana upon making contact with the sole occupant of the room. An investigation continues.

- 3/6/15- Around 7:30 p.m., university police responded to report of suspected drug paraphernalia found in the room of a resident student located in Hickory Manor third floor. A number of other items of contraband as well as a large knife were recovered from the room. An investigation continues.
- 3/6/15- Between 3:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m., a female university student reported that person(s) unknown had damaged her vehicle while it was legally parked in C parking lot. The damage appears to be consistent with having been struck by another vehicle. A damage estimate was unavailable and an investigation continues.

World News

Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com



- 3/18/15- Amid NATO exercises, Russia puts Northern Fleet on 'full alert'
 - Russia's land, sea and air drill will involve 38,000 troops, 41 ships and 110 aircraft
 - Kremlin calls drill routine, but diplomat says Russia is "very concerned" by NATO drills
 - Operation Atlantic Resolve billed as response to Russian actions in Ukraine, Crimea
- 3/18/15- 2,000 snow geese drop dead from the sky in Idaho
 - The birds were on the return leg of their migration from the U.S. and Mexico
 - Wildlife officials say they appear to have died of avian cholera

-3/18/15- Air Force veteran tried to join ISIS, U.S. alleges

- Tairod Nathan Webster Pugh flew to Turkey on January 10, authorities say
- Turkey denied him entry; he was later arrested in the United States
- Pugh will plead not guilty, his attorney says

-3/18/15- Tunisia museum attack: At least 17 killed, 3 gunmen at large

- Tunisia museum attack: At least 17 killed, 3 gunmen at large
- Two gunmen dressed in military garb stormed the museum, a government spokesman says

-3/18/15- Ex-lawyer for doctor who helped CIA in bin Laden hunt killed in Pakistan

- A second militant group claims responsibility for the killing
- Samiullah Afridi had represented Dr. Shakeel Afridi, who was convicted of treason

Mansfield University Students “Break A Difference”

Over spring break, Mansfield University students participated in “Break a Difference”, an alternative spring break project.

While most college students spent spring break at the beach, with their families, or involved in other traditional activities, six Mansfield University Community Service Club members spent the week of March 8 helping the needy.

Alana Corradi (Califon, New Jersey), Team Leader Brianna Dion (Sellersville, Pennsylvania), Marissa Gilbert (Warrington, Pennsylvania), Mark Nellenbach (New York Mills, New York), Ben Rosenberger (Ulster, Pennsylvania) and Jake Rubin (Pennsburg, Pennsylvania), along with Frank Crofchick, Community Conduct officer and Service coordinator and Community Service Club advisor, completed more than 200 hours of community service time for the United Way in Baltimore, Maryland.

“As my first formal community service venture, ‘Break a Difference’ was extremely satisfying,” Nellenbach said. “We returned from Baltimore with our heads held high because we knew we helped change lives while representing Mansfield University.”

The Mansfield group spent Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10 of their week at the Franciscan Center in Baltimore, a one stop shop for individuals in need.

“Our main responsibility for the two

days was to welcome guests, prepare and serve food, cleaning, and with their clothing drive,” Crofchick said. “During our two days at the Franciscan Center, we served over 550 individuals in need.”

Wednesday, March 11, Mansfield University students set up and prepped for a college fair for the Boys and Girls Club students ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade in Baltimore. The Mansfield students then volunteered at the college fair, talking with high school age participants about benefits of going to college and the positive impact of obtaining a college degree.

“It was truly humbling to see our Mansfield students working with these young adults and I am positive they inspired many during this event,” Crofchick said.

After the college fair, all “Break a Difference” volunteers participated in a program called “Walk a Mile,” which put volunteers in the shoes of individuals in need and walk a mile.

“We really did walk a mile in the shoes of someone less fortunate for a whole week,” Corradi said. “The experience we had as a team will stay with me always and I am so thankful.”

On Thursday, March 12, the Mansfield University contingent helped at Real Food Farms, a Baltimore farm that grows vegetables for the homeless and needy. They took down



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(Front Row L-R): Alana Corradi, Brianna Dion, Marissa Gilbert (Back Row L-R) Ben Rosenberger, Mark Nellenbach, Jake Rubin, Frank Crofchick

greenhouses damaged during the winter and built new ones.

Friday, March 13, the Mansfield group volunteered at the Maryland Food Bank in Baltimore, packaging food and clothing in boxes to be distributed to individuals in need around the state of Maryland.

“I had no idea the types of services that existed for people in crisis,” Rosenberger said. “Alternative Spring Break with ‘Break a Difference’ really opened my eyes to the needs that people may have and how those needs can be met. I plan on applying some of those helping strategies to aid those in need in my own home community.”

Also during the week, the Mansfield group had the chance to tour the United States Capital Building with the rest of the “Break a Difference” volunteers and see some of the sights in Washington, DC and Baltimore.

To see more pictures from the Mansfield “Break a Difference” experience, go to the Community Service Club Facebook page at facebook.com/MansfieldUniversityCommunityServiceClub.

For more information on the Community Service Club and community and volunteer services and opportunities at Mansfield University, go to mansfield.edu/community-service2/

Mansfield University will be offering Italian in Fall 2015

By **BRAD HOLTMAN**
Flashlight Contributor

Starting in Fall 2015, Mansfield University will be offering a course in Italian language and culture.

Ciao! Lei parla italiano? If you have ever wished you could study Italian language and culture at Mansfield, then you are in luck! Dr. Brad Holtman will be offering FORL 1101 Introduction to Italian I in Fall 2015! Note that the course is listed under “Foreign Language” in WebAdvisor.

Italian is, of course, the international

language of music and art, the Renaissance, Dante and Petrarch, Galileo, Columbus, and many other illustrious figures. It is considered one of the most beautiful languages on Earth and is the closest modern language to Latin.

Yet, Italian is far from being mired in the past. It is a modern, vital tongue in today's world, in business, in technology, and in many other contemporary areas of life. Italy has a robust and dynamic economy and is one of the major trading partners with the United States.

As with French, German, Spanish, or other languages these days, a knowledge of

Italian and cultural insights into the country could be your trump card to getting that job you want over someone else equally qualified but with no language skills. You need to be prepared to compete in a global economy.

Italy is rich in tradition and extremely diverse in terms of culture, with each region having its own characteristics, traditions, and dialects. Armed with standard Italian competence, you can navigate all of these fascinating areas and really connect with the people.

Perhaps you are of Italian descent and wish to research your ancestry. Maybe you

simply want to meet friendly, warm people who are eager to share with you the natural and architectural splendors of their country. And who doesn't like Italian food! You will never run out of regional specialties to sample, and there are scrumptious dishes to please every palate in any place large or small.

FORL 1101 Introduction to Italian I will be offered in Fall 2015 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. There are no prerequisites except a willingness to dive in and explore this great language and its cultural richness. Contact Dr. Holtman if you need more information.

Want to build your resume and have a fun time doing it? Do you love journalism? Join the Flashlight!

You don't have to be a communication major either! Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

SGA Purchases Ground Cover for use in Graduation

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) fails to approve two motions, first being to change the nominations for President and Vice President to March 31. The second to change the date of the gavel passing from April 7 to the 14.

SGA Vice President Jared Berken moved both of the aforementioned motions. After long discussion, both of the motions were denied.

Currently, the President and Vice President of SGA for next year will be Brett Helmus, and Marquise Isaac-Rivers respectively.

Both the Vice President and Vice President positions were ran uncontested, and the changing of the gavel will happen on April 7th, with elections on April 3rd.

Senator Makenzie Hafer moved to strike Article 3, Section 1: Subsection D of the Student Government Association Constitution. The line states that a person must have completed on semester of SGA before taking of fice.

The motion was discussed then tabled until next meeting, due to Roberts Rules of Order regarding policy changes.

The SGA accounts are all holding; currently the allocated account balance is at

\$109,000 and the unallocated is \$71,000. The Committee on Finance (CoF) Capital account balance is \$139,000.

SGA is currently working with Mansfield University to be able to host a few activities for the accepted student day coming up. They wish to have laser tag in Laurel, human bowling, and roller skating.

The Student Government Association passed a motion to purchase a ground cover for the football field in the amount of \$74,000 for the use of graduation and Spring Fling.

Spring Fling is going to be on May 2 and the main band coming will be the All American Rejects. They plan to have a Battle of the Bands prior to introducing the All American Rejects.

SGA is also working on getting an alcohol license for a beer tent at Spring Fling so the older students may drink if they wish. SGA will be hosting RED Fridays, RED stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. The event calls for participants to wear red in honor of American troops.

On April 3, 2015 we want to have the entire campus show their support by wearing red. And we also are having a photo taken on the football field that day of all the students, faculty and staff that come out to support. Wearing the color red will also show school pride and support of our University.

There will be free t-shirts and food at the football field on the 3rd of April.

This is a collaborated effort between SGA and one of Mansfield's students, Cecil Cooper.



The Flashlight needs writers like you!
Send your story ideas and articles to flashlit@mansfield.edu or talk to us at our weekly meetings on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall, room 2M.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
20 - Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign - Mid-Semester Grades Due 4:00 p.m.	21 - Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign - 10:00 a.m. Admissions Office hosts Transfer Student Open House	22 All Day Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign - 2:30 p.m. Children of Eden	23 All Day Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign - All Day Registration for Fall Semester Begins	24 - 11:30 a.m. UCM Chow with the Chaplains - 6:00 p.m. Admissions: Financial Aid Workshop	25 - All Day Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign - 2:00 p.m. COT Meeting	26 - 6:00 p.m. Women of Distinction Career Expo - 11:30 p.m. Civil War Speakers Series: Ron Remy
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It takes experience to make experience

By **NICK HARTRANFT**
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As the spring semester comes to its peak, the frantic searching for summer jobs, internships, and for graduating seniors, a suitable entry-level career is rampant. But, the issue many college students face is that these careers they are trying to enter are looking for someone with experience. Frankly, very few students meet this mold.

I am planning on graduating in the fall of 2015, I have worked as a reporter and editor on two college newspapers. I have worked in radio. I even worked with graphic design programs – many moons ago. I have restaurant experience, retail experience, and educational experience with kids 7-16 and kids with special needs. Yet, I get turned away for other unnamed candidates for internships for news outlets. And many students have a similar story.

In a 2013 Washington Post article, “Only 27 percent of college grads have a job related to their major,” it is stated that only 62% of college graduates had a job that required a college degree. A startling 27% of college graduates have jobs that specifically relate to their major. I could guarantee that very few graduating seniors at Mansfield have jobs lined up for them after spring. The problem isn’t that students aren’t educated, they are just taught to have the wrong priorities.

Students lose the ability to problem-solve and prioritize in today’s college environment because we are taught to follow a syllabus. I have heard professors talk about how in the “real world” there will be no syllabi. Well if that’s true, which it seems to be, we should just do away with them all together. Face it, professors hate writing student learning objectives as much as

students hate reading them. I also find that there is no uniformity when it comes to professional development in college. You will hear all of these things stressed if you are a college student at least some point in your life: pick the right major, join lots of clubs, engage in community service, get great – not just good – grades, network, create a portfolio, dig for scholarships, and probably more pieces of advice I can’t think of.

Students are expected to bet their future in all these things while still tackling the responsibilities of adulthood like paying bills, keeping a job or jobs, and maintaining some semblance of a social life.

It is easy for students to get tunnel vision. I myself spent many sleepless nights paralyzed because there is so much to do, and no clear way to prioritize what is necessary. The “super” human view of what today’s students are supposed to be like is impractical. Students all have unique strengths, but these strengths aren’t fostered properly when they are told to care about so much.

But, students’ inability to prioritize and learn problem-solving skills is only half of the issue.

Because there is such a great emphasis on receiving a college degree, the pool of applicants for a specific job has become astronomical. Basically, an employer has all the power, and they can be as selective as they wish when hiring job candidates. Because employers have such narrow job qualifications, many are left stuck with debt that wasn’t worth their degree.

The second problem is that expectations of college graduates are so high that very few of these graduates end up moving in to a career they intended to get.

In my many searches for an entry level job or internship, I see “needs job experience,” but, it’s hard to

have experience when all prospective employers have unrealistic standards.

Students need to change their learning habits while employers need to change their narrow frames for students.

In a 2015 Washington Post article, “Why are so many college students failing to gain job skills before graduation?” employers scored students job preparedness staggeringly lower than students do. I’ll agree that students today are not as prepared as they should be, but I also find that companies often don’t want to take risks on hiring a student, or trying to create entry level positions that allow for students to slowly ascend the corporate ladder. Instead, students are expected to be job ready fresh out of college.

Companies want to save as much as possible and don’t want to wantonly hire whoever walks in, but it also puts stress on employees to train themselves and do as many jobs as possible within an organization. As the article states, “College graduates now move into a contextual job, not a task-based job.”

I have been fortunate to have been hired by so many great companies that have provided me with the training to make me proficient at my job – many don’t anymore. You are throw to the proverbial wolves and most, as expected by employers, will sink rather than swim. This negative perception of college graduates is just as toxic as the inability to prioritize.

So I encourage all students to do whatever it is you do best, because you can’t please all the people all of the time. Keep your goals modest, there is the most room to surprise others and yourself. And last, don’t get bent out of shape if your career plans go askew. Somewhere, there will be someone who is looking for your type of experience.

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Billboard Top 200 Albums:

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2. 50 Shades of Grey - Soundtrack
3. 1989 - Taylor Swift
4. If You're Reading This It's Too Late - Drake
5. X - Ed Sheeran
6. Dark Sky Paradise - Big Sean
7. V - Maroon 5
8. In The Lonely Hour - Sam Smith
9. The Firewatcher's Daughter - Brandi Carlile
10. Title - Meghan Trainor

Top 10 Movies:

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2. Run All Night
3. Kingsman: The Secret Service
4. Focus
5. Chappie
6. The Second Best Exotic Mari-gold Hotel
7. The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water
8. McFarland, USA
9. Fifty Shades of Grey
10. The DUFF

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The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

Daniel

I woke up with Daisy standing in front of me. “Daisy! You’re okay!”

Daisy said to me, “Well I feel better than you look, I’m sure.”

Daisy began to pace around the room after she turned on the light above the chair. I assume she was looking for a way out. There were no windows, and the concrete floor was cold below me. There was a chair behind me in the center of the room and a table against the wall of the far side.

“Any ideas about why we’re here?”

“For revenge, but that’s all I know...” I ripped my sweatshirt to tie strips around her wrists. “Thanks,” she said and then walked to the door and tried to open it. I was sure they would have been smart enough to lock it, but she gently opened the door and listened. I walked over to her.

“I don’t think they know anything”

“Or maybe they aren’t saying. Seems like they could use some incentive. Bruce, get in there and provide some! Tiny, make sure he does this right.”

Two big, burly men walked toward us, Daisy shut the door quickly and we backed up, I stood in front of her protectively.

Daisy grabbed on to the lamp and swung around into one of the goons who toppled into the other one and me and we fell to the ground with a chorus of “oof!” I tried to crawl away from one grabbed my ankle and began whaling on me.

I heard Daisy struggling with the other until she went quiet. I kicked the other off and ran to Daisy shaking her. Her neck was already beginning to swell as a cut above her eyebrow bleed down her face. I could feel my lip and nose bleeding, but I didn’t care. Suddenly the door slammed shut with a “bang!” and a “click” as the lock engaged and the men were laughing. Daisy was breathing, but I could tell she wouldn’t be awake for a few hours. I paced the room, spitting blood out of my mouth.

How were we going to get through this? Later, Daisy began to stir. She sat up. “Hey, how ya feeling, sis?”

Daisy winced and gave me a thumbs up. She had a black eye so bad her eye barely opened and her throat looked as though there was a pineapple in it. She needed a doctor. I helped Daisy stand as she mouthed “stitches” and pointed to my lip.

“I know” I told her. She fussed with the blood for a little while, trying to wipe it off with her shirt and spit. “There are more important things than your face right now, Daisy.”

Daisy just shook her head. Sometimes she could be such a girl.

“Well at least we are both alive. We’ll have to trick them into letting us out.”

“Was your last plan getting knocked in the back of your head?” Daisy whispered as she rolled her eyes at me. I know I messed up, but I really just wanted to save her. I thought I was doing the right thing.

“No...” I replied sheepishly as I put my hands in my pockets and felt my cell phone. I had forgotten I had it and took it out of my pocket. “No service...” The screen was cracked, probably from the guy falling on me. The screen was still useable but, “ouch” I said as the glass cut me.

“I’ll be coming up with the plan and I think I just got it. Lift me up.”

I walked to Daisy and looked up at what she was thinking. “I should go, it’s too dangerous for you.”

“You’re too big, besides, if they come back, I won’t be able to yell for you.” She took my phone from me and put it in her own pocket.

“I don’t like this Daisy.” I told her as she put her foot in my hands and I lifted her up. She quietly took the cover off then shimmied inside the vent.

I paced around the room waiting for Daisy to come back. I hope she can find service or a way out. Or both. What could

they want with us? Is this something our parents could have done? Even if we find a way out, these men could come after us. We’d have to take them to jail, or kill them, but I don’t think that’s an option.

Just then, the door opened and Daisy smiled, “Piece of cake” she said. I walked to the doorway, able to see the vent cover on the floor.

“Now where too?” I asked as I looked around the maze of cubicles.

“I haven’t figured that out yet, but Bruce and Tiny are gone, so we just have to be quiet and stay out of sight.”

We began weaving through, looking for a door to the outside or a window close enough to the ground to crawl out.

“I’m tired...” Daisy whined.

“Sleep and die, sis.”

A sudden blaring entered my ear drums. An alarm. They figured out we were missing and we still didn’t know how to escape!

“Find them! Bring them to me!!! Kill them if you have too!” Daisy and I froze. What now?

Daisy grabbed my arm and ran into the nearest cubicle, crouching under the desk. This one was empty, luckily. A few men ran by, missing us. Phew.

“We can’t just hide here, Daisy. They’ll find us”

Daisy looked up, fear in her eyes.

Recipe Column: Easy Chicken Quesadillas

By **EMILY SHOSH**
Staff Writer

Quesadillas are a tasty, quick dinner option for any hectic weeknight. In 20 minutes, you could have yourself a satisfying, easy meal!

You’ll need soft tortilla shells, a 6 oz. can of white meat chicken, your cheese of choice, and any other filling you’d like, a stovetop, a metal spatula, and a dry skillet. Also add sour cream or salsa as condiments if you’d like.

- 1) Fill one tortilla with your desired ingredients and fold in half to close
- 2) Allow your skillet to warm up over a medium heat
- 3) Place up to two quesadillas in your skillet. Brown each side for about three minutes on each side or until your desired done-ness is achieved
- 4) Enjoy!

Word of the Week:

Borborygmus
noun \bawr-buh-rig-muh-s\

1. a rumbling or gurgling sound caused by the movement of gas in the intestines.

Quote of the Week:

“Parents can only can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person’s charachter lies in their own hands.”
-Anne Frank

Lyric of the Week:

“You’ve got a way to keep me on your side
You give me cause for love that I can’t hide
For you I know I’d even try to turn the tide
Because you’re mine, I walk the line”
- Johnny Cash

Fact of the Week:

Istanbul has a vending machine that takes recycled plastic bottles and releases food and water for stray dogs in the city.

Film Review: Chappie

By **EVAN JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Chappie by director Neill Blomkamp, best known for the modern sci-fi classic District 9, has once again combined a unique story with amazing acting and equally impressive graphics to make an unforgettable heartwarming instant classic.

This film stirs up a lot of thoughts. Between District 9 and Elysium, it was up in the air about how it would be reviewed. This film was great, surprisingly.

The film begins by showing a crime ridden and slightly futuristic version of Johannesburg, South Africa. Then it is explained that the crime has been brought down after the introduction of androids into the powerless police force.

With their power now back, thanks to the androids, the police basically have control over the city. The creator of the androids has been secretly working on a form of artificial intelligence that could theoretically make

a machine smarter than a human. A series of events occur that result in the creation of Chappie. What follows is one of the best sci-fi films I have seen in a while with equally impressive graphics and acting.

The film is a commentary on humans' tendency to destroy things whenever they intervene. It is also a commentary on the fragility and meaning of life. One of my favorite lines is when Chappie asks his creator, "Why did you create me to die?"

It is a good question. Why create life if it is destined to die? Anyway, I'm not going to turn this review into an existential commentary on human life. It is just something to think about and a question that this film asked very well. The deeper meaning behind the film was not the only thing that stood out.

Watching Chappie grow and be influenced by humans was an eye opening experience. Humans do not let innocence grow and it tends to be soured whenever humans involve themselves in its development. I am admittedly jealous of Chappie's childlike



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Chappie is rated 'R' for violence, language and brief nudity.

innocence and intelligence that few possess for long.

However, even as humans try to corrupt Chappie, it is still clear that he is innocent at heart and cares for those that he loves. The story was truly outstanding and creating such a multi-dimensional non-human character like Chappie was equally impressive.

The acting was top-notch. I firmly believe that Sharlto Copley stole the show as Chappie. His voice and movements conveyed more emotion than any facial features could have done. Copley went to high school with director Neill Blomkamp and has been in most of his films. I am truly happy this friendship exists or Copley might not have been in the role of Chappie, which was truly breathtaking.

However, besides Copley's performance and the writing, another thing that stood out were the special effect graphics. I haven't been this impressed with a film's special effects since Interstellar and Avatar. The robots looked completely real. From the dents and coloring

of the metal, to the motions that Chappie made.

His motions changed as he matured throughout the film and were very believable. They were so impressive that I often forgot that Chappie was actually Sharlto Copley. The subtle changes in Chappie's eyes were also impressive and helped convey great emotion through subtle changes in the shape of his eyes.

To put it simply, Chappie is a surprisingly great film that you have to see to believe. It can be a tearjerker at times so be warned. But, if you can get past that then I highly recommend it. It was just unfortunate that it had to be released on the weekend of Spring Break because it didn't get the attention it might and should have if it was released another weekend. Out of all of the films that have already come out this year, I recommend this one out of all of them, so far. It is a must see and truly remarkable cinematic experience that you will not regret seeing after you do.

Career Center Advice: The Importance of a Cover Letter

By **ANTHONY WILCOX**
Staff Writer

Why do I need a cover letter? What good does a cover letter do? Those are questions that college students ask, but believe me, if you take the time to type it and make yourself sound like a hireable person, you will realize why cover letters are important.

A poor cover letter is one that uses a template from Microsoft Word and just fills in all of the blank spaces with our information or job specifics.

A strong cover letter is written from scratch specifically for that particular company and position and explains how you can meet their needs and be a good fit in their organization.

Typically, it should be no longer than a page. Only speak briefly about credentials, that's your resumes' job to go over those aspects.

Prove that you've done your research on the company and connect the dots on how you are a good candidate for the job.

Cover letters can be much more narrative in style, so this is your chance to really impress them with your writing and storytelling abilities. One of the main objectives of a cover letter is to sell yourself.

Prove to the hiring manager that you know a lot about the company or busi-

ness and that you would be as great fit.

Don't just say you know a lot about the job or business! Research jobs and businesses before applying!

While writing your cover letter remember that this is the first thing that your employer will see and that it will be pivotal in obtaining your interview.

Some questions to answer in a cover letter: Who is my audience? What are the needs of my audience?

How can I explain that I have the skills and assets to satisfy the needs of my audience?

Keeping these questions in mind will come in handy when coming up with your rough draft.

Be short, sweet, to-the-point and fulfilling. Don't get too intricate. Keep your sentences short but show personality and be relatable.

Don't use jargon or fragmented sentences. Before you mail the letter out, be sure that it is your best professional effort.

A cover letter is a big part of landing that job you've always dreamed about and you need to make sure that it is the best work you could've done.

You don't want to miss out on becoming the wealthiest person in the world because of a cover letter mistake, do you? For more information on developing cover letters, visit career.mansfield.edu.

PSECU Financial Corner: Happenings on Campus

By **Emily Shosh**
Staff Writer

Many money experts say that credit unions are a good deal for consumers. Because credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, they work for their member-owners, offering them low- or no-cost financial products and services. Since you're a student at this school, one of PA's largest credit unions has a special deal for you.

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Mounties softball falls to Edinboro and Salem International at the Dinwiddie

Courtney Bauder recorded three RBI's, but it wouldn't prove to be enough as Mansfield lost to Edinboro 3-2 in extra innings and Salem International 7-3 March 12 at the Dinwiddie County Sports Complex.

Ashley Inman, this week's ECAC Division II Pitcher of the Week, started on the mound for the Mounties. The junior was hitless until the top of the third inning as Laura Crooks singled on a 1-0 count. With Crooks on first and Shelby Proctor on third, Megan Miller tagged out Heather Tighe to end the top of the third and keep the score at 0-0.

Edinboro came knocking again in the top of the fourth as Jessica Hyland hit an RBI single to right field to put the Fighting Scots up 1-0. Mansfield responded as Taylor Chidester put the Mounties on the board with a Kaitlyn Hewitt single to end the fourth inning tied 1-1.

Over the next three innings, both teams would combine for three hits but were held scoreless.

In the eighth inning, Proctor hit a two out, two RBI double to left field to put Edinboro up 3-1 going into the bottom of

the eighth.

With one out, Hannah Secord scored on a Bauder RBI single to bring Mansfield back within one run. However, it wouldn't be enough as Edinboro won 3-2.

Both Inman (3-1) and Kalet Lenart (1-0) pitched complete games. Inman picked up her first loss on the season as Lenart picked up her first win on the season.

In the nightcap, Mansfield went down early in the first inning 3-0 to Salem International, but the Mounties responded in the second inning. Amanda Goodwin put Mansfield on the board on a Melanie Taylor sacrifice fly to left field. Nikki Watkins and Rachael Sterner added two more runs on a two RBI Bauder double.

Mansfield went into the bottom of the second tied 3-3, but Salem International continued their hitting into the next five innings as the Mounties lost 7-3.

Chelsey Heatley (0-1) picked up the loss for Mansfield in the redshirt freshman's second appearance of the season. Katie Holestin (3-0) remained undefeated as she was credited with the win for Salem International.

Mansfield wins against Upper Iowa

Mansfield used a six-run seventh inning to surge past Upper Iowa 8-3 in nine innings on March 11 at Jack Russell Stadium in the Mountaineer's final game in the Sunshine State.

Taylor Hillson went 3-for-5 at the plate with a run scored and an RBI while Eric Schanzenbacher drilled a solo home run to lead the Mounties offensively.

Upper Iowa (2-5, 0-0 NSIC) drew a pair of walks to open the game before Alex George plated both runners with a one-out double to left center field to take an early 2-0 lead. Mansfield (1-7, 0-0 PSAC East) starting pitcher Luke Hils retired the next two batters to end the half inning.

After the first inning, Hils settled in nicely, allowing just four hits and three walks while striking out four in 6.0 innings of work.

The Mountaineer offense couldn't get much going through the first four innings, recording just two hits during that span. In the bottom of the fifth, Troy Wilson lined a two-out double down the left field line before Owen Lukens and Dave Glueck walked to load the bases. Hillson hit a ball on a frozen rope that was just snared by the Upper Iowa second baseman to end the threat.

In the bottom of the sixth, Westyn Baylor singled down the left field line with one out and moved over to second on a ground out. Jacob Molison walked before

a Ryan Paige single into center field scored Baylor to put the Mounties on the board.

Owen Lukens opened up the bottom of the seventh with a walk then advanced to third on a passed ball and groundout. Hillson's RBI single through the left side brought in Lukens to even the score at 2-2. Schanzenbacher wore a pitch to put runners at first and second before Baylor's RBI single up the middle scored Hillson to give Mansfield the lead. Anthony Renz brought home two more runs with a double to center field. Molison put runners at first and second with a single through the left side before Paige added two more RBIs with a double to deep center field to give MU the 7-2 advantage. A Wilson single and Lukens hit by pitch loaded the bases, but back-to-back strikeouts ended the inning.

The Peacocks scored their final run in the top of the eighth inning following two errors by Mansfield.

In the bottom of the eighth, Schanzenbacher hammered a big-league home run over the left field fence of the former Philadelphia Phillies spring training grounds. The round-tripper was Schanzenbacher's second of the season.

Zach Sacoman earned the win in relief for Mansfield, pitching 3.0 innings with two hits, no earned runs and four strikeouts. Starting pitcher Anthony Ruden took the loss after 6.1 innings of work, allowing six hits and three earned runs while striking out five.



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As a freshman, Hannah Secord was in 26 games, 25 of which she started as catcher.

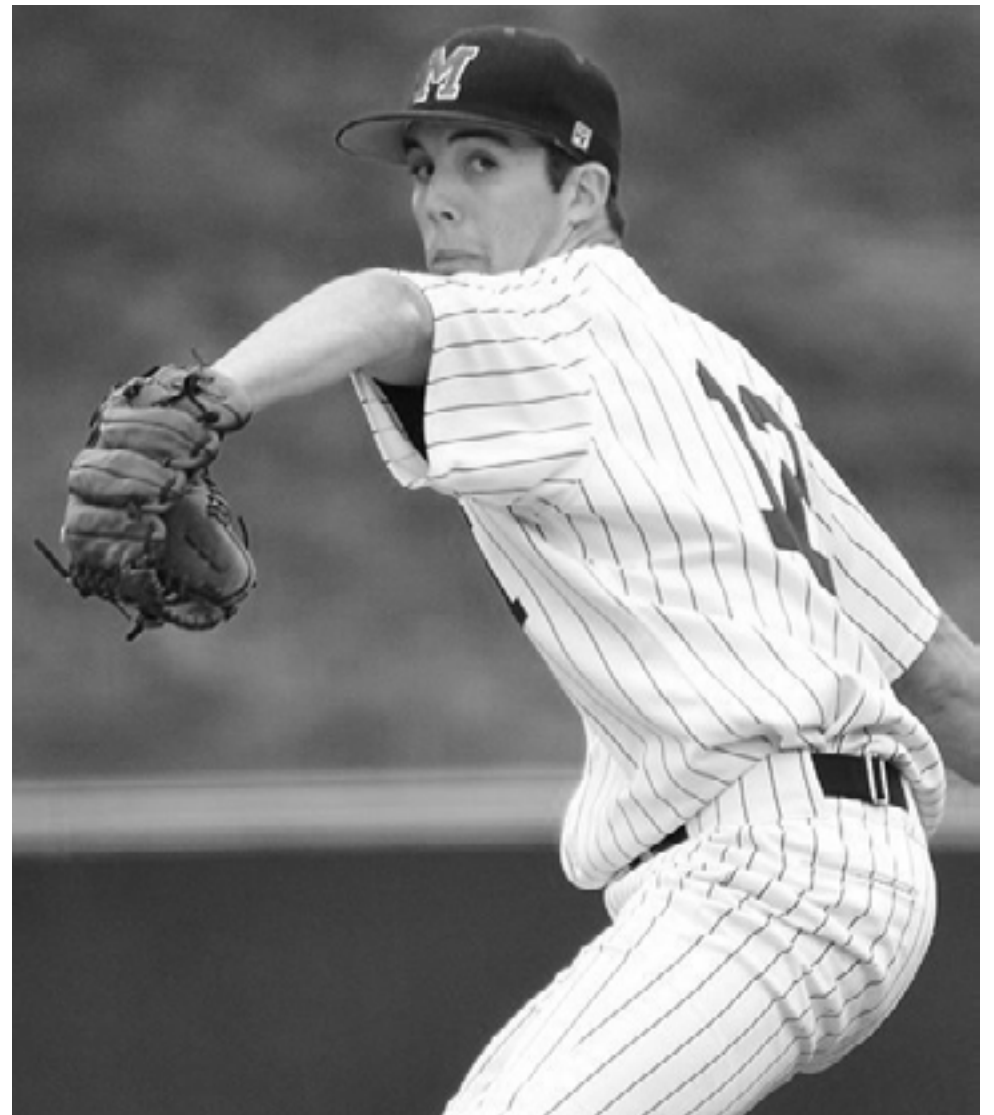


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Senior Jordan Boothe is majoring in graphic design.

Mansfield Alumni Kris Petersen Named Primary Contact for Penn State Football

Kris Petersen, a former student-assistant in the Mansfield University sports information office and four-year letterwinner on the Mountaineer softball team, is the new primary football contact for the Penn State Athletic Strategic Communications.

Petersen's move from primary women's basketball to primary football contact was made yesterday as part of an announced reorganization of Penn State Intercollegiate Athletics.

Petersen, who just completed her ninth season as the media relations contact for the Lady Lion basketball team, becomes the first female to serve as primary football contact for the Nittany Lions. She is one of a 13 females to serve as prime football contact in the FBS.

Petersen had served as a secondary contact for football in addition to her duties as the primary contact for the women's basketball program. She also assisted with the maintenance of Penn State's website (www.GoPSUsports.com), oversaw the women's golf contact and serves as the department's liaison to the Nittany Lion Club while supervising members of the Athletic Communications staff. Additionally, she has served on the Women's Final Four media relations staff each of the last five years.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Petersen arrived at Happy Valley after serving as Director of Media Relations at the Mid-Continent Conference (now the Summit League) for two years.

At the Mid-Continent Conference, Petersen was responsible for overseeing the media relations efforts for 19 sports. Her duties included serving as the media coordinator of the Mid-Continent Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Championships, maintaining the conference's website, writing and designing various publications and serving as the primary conference administrator at selected Mid-Con Championships.

Petersen previously spent three-plus years at the Patriot League, being promoted

to Director of Media Relations in July 2004. She was the primary contact for 15 sports, including women's basketball, while serving as Assistant Media Relations Director from 2001-04.

During the 2000-01 academic year, Petersen was a Communications Assistant at the Big East Conference.

Petersen was a four-year letterwinner on the softball team at Mansfield University playing under head coach Edith Gallagher. She earned Dean's List recognition four semesters, was a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Scholar-Athlete three times and an NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete twice. Petersen was also a member of Lambda Pi Eta, the communications honor fraternity.

She earned her degree in broadcasting and public relations from Mansfield in 2000, serving as a student assistant in the sports information office and appeared in 102 games as a member of the softball program from 1997-2000. Mansfield finished as the ECAC Division II runner-up in her senior season.

Petersen becomes the second former Mansfield University sports information student-assistant to be named primary football contact for an FBS level program.

Eric Bohannon, a member of the Mountaineer sports information staff as an undergraduate and three-year starter at long-snapper on the football team from 2004-06, currently is the primary football contact for Old Dominion University.

Billy Dee, a 1975 Mansfield State University graduate and offensive guard on the Mountaineer football team, is the Offensive Run Game Coordinator for the Monarchs. Old Dominion is a member of Conference USA.

Petersen and Bohannon are two of more than two dozen former Mansfield University sports information student-assistants who have gone on to positions in the NFL, AFL, ESPN, NFL Films along with NCAA Division I, II and III programs.



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Petersen graduated in the class of 2000.

Ashley Inman named ECAC Athlete of the Week



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Inman is a junior elementary education major.

Mansfield University standout Ashley Inman was named the ECAC Division II Pitcher of the Week for her outstanding performance during the first week of the softball season.

Inman went 3-0 during the first week of the Mountaineer's spring break trip, allowing no earned runs in 15.2 innings worked in the circle.

In four appearances, the junior recorded 24 strikeouts, with 11 coming against Virginia State in a complete game win, and only five walks in 15.2 innings of work.

The Tunkhannock native faced 57 batters, and they posted a mere .158 batting average against the ace.

Have a suggestion for March's *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to Heather Ritter at flashlit@mansfield.edu by March 27th.

Mounties fall to Bloomsburg in PSAC opener

Mansfield baseball dropped both ends of its PSAC East-opening doubleheader against Bloomsburg on March 13 at the Dinwiddie Sports Complex in Virginia, falling 9-3 in the opener and 6-3 in the nightcap.

Westyn Baylor led the Mountaineers offensively in the doubleheader, going 4-for-7 at the dish with a home run, three RBIs and a walk.

In the opener, both sides got runners on with hits through the first and second innings, but were unable to push home a run. In the top of the third with one out, Eric Schanzenbacher reached after being hit by a pitch before Baylor stroked the first pitch he saw over the fence in right field to score a pair of runs. Anthony Renz made it back-to-back opposite field homers to put Mansfield (1-9, 0-2 PSAC East) out in front 3-0.

In the bottom of the fourth, Bloomsburg's (3-2, 2-0 PSAC East) Damin Muth went opposite field as well with a two-run homer to cut the Huskies' deficit to 3-2. An Eric Frain RBI single in the fifth evened the score before Joey Casselberry hit a three run blast to right to give Bloomsburg the 6-3 lead.



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Westyn Baylor is a transfer student from Division I Radford in Virginia.

The Huskies added three more runs in the sixth inning.

Tyler Hill earned the win after allowing six hits and three earned runs in 5.0 innings with five Ks. Cody Hearne picked up the

save. Matt Engler was hit with the loss for MU.

In the nightcap, Mansfield put runners on base in the first and second to no avail. The Huskies got on the board

first with Frain's two-run round-tripper in the bottom of the third.

In the top of the sixth, Taylor Hillson started off the inning by reaching on a throwing error, before Schanzenbacher placed and RBI double just out of reach of the left fielder to bring in the Mounties' first run. Walks by Baylor and Jacob Molison loaded the bases. Owen Lukens drew a two-out walk to bring in another run to knot the game at 2-2. Bloomsburg wouldn't allow any more damage to be done in the inning, forcing the final out to end the threat.

The wheels fell off for Mansfield in the bottom of the sixth however as the Huskies capitalized on three errant plays and a controversial call at third to hang four runs and jump out to a sizeable lead.

Mansfield scored a run in the top of the seventh when Baylor drove in Dave Glueck, who reached on a lead-off single, but the comeback effort would fall short.

Alex Carpenter earned the win in relief while Cody Heane added another save. Matt Zielen had a solid outing for the Mounties, allowing just two earned runs on two hits while striking out six in 5.0 innings.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
20 -Baseball v. Ship Uni @ 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. -Softball at West Chester @ 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.	21 -Baseball v. Shippensburg University @ 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. -Softball at Kutztown @ 1 & 3:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25 -Softball at Goldey-Beacom College @ 2 & 4 p.m.	26
27 -Baseball v. Kutztown 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. -Softball at Bloomsburg @ 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.	28 -Women's track @ Uni of Maryland --Baseball v. Kutztown 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. -Softball at Lock Haven University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	29 -Soft ball v. Millersville University @ 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.	30	31 -Soft ball v. Millersville University @ 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.	1 -Baseball at Pennsylvania College of Technology @ 2 & 4 p.m.	2 -Men's track at Colonial Relays -Women's track at the College of William & Mary

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Mansfield University Brass Band wins second at North American Brass Band Championship



By **LORI ENGLE**
News Editor

Mansfield University Brass Band traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana to compete in the North American Brass Band Championship over spring break.

At the Championship Stephen Bulla was awarded the 2015 NABBA Presidential Award during the Championships Award Ceremony on Saturday, March 14. In his acceptance speech, Bulla "I am honored to receive it and, more importantly, grateful to be a part of this great community of North American brass band enthusiasts. The Championship weekend is a time of meeting old friends, making new ones, and of course is the culmination of many months' hard work." Bulla then mentioned the death of a dear friend and the hard time he was going through. Bulla closed out his speech by saying, "Yes, it's a healthy competition and a great motivator for stretching our bands to higher standards of excellence. But it's also

a culture of band people that really love the genre and the opportunity to enjoy it together as we share these experiences annually."

The Championship was split into six different competitive categories: Youth Section, Open Section, 3rd Section, 2nd Section, 1st Section, and Championship. The bands had the opportunity to receive up to 300 points.

In the Youth Section, two bands performed. Fountain City Youth Brass Band from Kansas City, Kansas came in first with 280.8 points. Motor City Youth Brass Band from Southfield, Michigan came in second with 263.6 points.

In the Open Section, only one band performed. This band was the Old Crown Brass Band. There is no point value listed.

In the 3rd Section, five bands performed. Chapel Brass from Columbus, Ohio came in first with 277.3 points. Our own Mansfield

University Brass Band came in second with 277.0, only three-tenths away behind. Milwaukee Festival Brass from Milwaukee, Wisconsin came in third with 274.2.

In the 2nd Section, six bands performed. Dublin Silver Band from Central Ohio came in first with 282.8 points. Capital City Brass Band from Lansing, Michigan came in second with 279.2 points. Brass Band of Huntsville from Huntsville, Alabama came in third with 275.2 points.

In the 1st Section, there were eight bands that performed. Weston Silver Band from Toronto, Ontario came in first with 287.2 points. Georgia Brass Band from Atlanta, Georgia came in second with 276.8 points. Pikes Peak Brass Band from Colorado Springs, Colorado came in third with 272.5 points.

In the Championship Section, five bands performed. Fountain City Brass Band from Kansas City, Kansas came in first with 291.4 points.

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Atlantic Brass Band from Atlanta, Georgia came in second with 284.2 points. Princeton Brass Band from Princeton, New Jersey came in third place with 275.6 points.

All the information in this article came from the North American Brass Band Association at nabba.org. The above picture was received by a band member, Allison Rosito.


Weekly Weather

Friday

 Cloudy


High:40 Low:19

Saturday

 Cloudy


High:39 Low:20

Sunday

 Sunny


High:48 Low:33

Monday

 Cloudy


High:49 Low:30

Tuesday

 Cloudy


High:52 Low:30

Wednesday

 Sunny

High:60 Low:39

Thursday

 Cloudy

High:57 Low:35

Information taken from
www.weather.com
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Info-To-Go
Campus Bulletin Board

- The President’s Commission on the Status of Women invites female students to honor and show their appreciation to a member of the Mansfield University community who has influenced them to become a stronger woman. Nominate your personal mentor, a male or female member of the Mansfield University community (students, staff or faculty), by telling us how this person has made a difference in your life. Annual Mentor Appreciation Celebration will be held Thursday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m. 307 Alumni. Nomination forms are available on PCSW’s website at <http://www.mansfield.edu/pcsw/upload/PCSW-Mentor-Nomination-Form-2015.pdf> or by emailing adelozier@mansfield.edu. Nominations should be submitted by Monday, March 23, 2015 to Amy DeLozier (PCSW Mentor Nomination) adelozier@mansfield.edu at the Kelchner Fitness Center or by email.

- A PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union) Cap & Gown Promotion will begin on Monday, March 16, 2015 and run until April 24, 2015. Informational posters are around campus and in the Mountie Den. PSECU members who are graduating in May 2015 can go to the PSECU Office and get a voucher to cover the cost, \$28.06, of a cap and gown (first come, first served until vouchers are gone). A valid Mansfield University ID, Driver’s License or State ID and verification of your PSECU Account is required. This amount does not provide for the hood that goes with the cap & gown. Students will have to pay for the hood separately. Any graduating senior who is not a PSECU member is eligible to join PSECU during the promotion dates in order to take advantage of this offer. Membership in PSECU is free. Stop into the PSECU office located in Lower Manser Hall for further details.

- Bring a non-perishable food item to be placed in the collection boxes located in the Steadman Theatre Lobby and outside Butler Room 108, Music Department Office. Canned items, cereals, pasta, soups, sauces, etc., will be collected through the month of March and donated to the Mansfield Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Mansfield University Double Reed Society.

- Student bus trip tickets to Washington, D.C. for the Saturday, April 4, 2015 trip are now on sale at the Campus Bookstore (Mountie Den) daily Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The student ticket price for a round trip coach bus ride to Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 4, 2015 is only \$15 and that includes all handling fees. The bus will leave campus at 6:30 a.m. from in front of Laurel Hall and will leave the Lincoln Memorial area at 8:00 p.m. The bus will make one rest stop each way at a fast food restaurant. Presented by the Student Activities Office. Funded by Student Activity Fees.

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -


-3/17/15- At 11:28 p.m., the Mansfield University Police Department received a report of an alcohol violation occurring in Oak room 342. Subsequent investigation revealed evidence of minors in possession of and consuming alcohol. Emily Blidy, 18, Thomas Fricke, 18, Katherine Lipski, 18, Jesse Mcginness, 19, Keri McQuaid, 18, Abbie Predmore, 19, and Chelsea Tanco, 18, will be judicially referred to campus life authorities. In addition, all but McQuaid will be issued citations relating to the alcohol violation.

-3/11/15- Around 7:30 p.m., university police responded to the report of a suspicious odor in Laurel Manor first floor B side. Subsequent investigation determined the odor to be marihuana and police recovered a small amount of marijuana upon making contact with the sole occupant of the room. An investigation continues.

-3/6/15- Around 7:30 p.m., university police responded to report of suspected drug paraphernalia found in the room of a resident student located in Hickory Manor third floor. A number of other items of contraband as well as a large knife were recovered from the room. An investigation continues.

-3/6/15- Between 3:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m., a female university student reported that person(s) unknown had damaged her vehicle while it was legally parked in C parking lot. The damage appears to be consistent with having been struck by another vehicle. A damage estimate was unavailable and an investigation continues.

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

-3/23/15- Amid NATO exercises, Russia puts Northern Fleet on ‘full alert’

- Russia’s land, sea and air drill will involve 38,000 troops, 41 ships and 110 aircraft

- Kremlin calls drill routine, but diplomat says Russia is “very concerned” by NATO drills

- Operation Atlantic Resolve billed as response to Russian actions in Ukraine, Crimea

-3/23/15- 2,000 snow geese drop dead from the sky in Idaho

- The birds were on the return leg of their migration from the U.S. and Mexico

- Wildlife officials say they appear to have died of avian cholera

-3/23/15- Air Force veteran tried to join ISIS, U.S. alleges

- Tairod Nathan Webster Pugh flew to Turkey on January 10, authorities say

- Turkey denied him entry; he was later arrested in the United States

- Pugh will plead not guilty, his attorney says

-3/23/15- Tunisia museum attack: At least 17 killed, 3 gunmen at large

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- Two gunmen dressed in military garb stormed the museum, a government spokesman says

-3/23/15- Ex-lawyer for doctor who helped CIA in bin Laden hunt killed in Pakistan

- A second militant group claims responsibility for the killing

- Samiullah Afridi had represented Dr. Shakeel Afridi, who was convicted of treason

Mansfield University Students “Break A Difference”

Over spring break, Mansfield University students participated in “Break a Difference”, an alternative spring break project.

While most college students spent spring break at the beach, with their families, or involved in other traditional activities, six Mansfield University Community Service Club members spent the week of March 8 helping the needy.

Alana Corradi (Califon, New Jersey), Team Leader Brianna Dion (Sellersville, Pennsylvania), Marissa Gilbert (Warrington, Pennsylvania), Mark Nellenbach (New York Mills, New York), Ben Rosenberger (Ulster, Pennsylvania) and Jake Rubin (Pennsburg, Pennsylvania), along with Frank Crofchick, Community Conduct officer, Service coordinator and Community Service Club advisor, completed more than 200 hours of community service time for the United Way in Baltimore, Maryland.

“As my first formal community service venture, ‘Break a Difference’ was extremely satisfying,” Nellenbach said. “We returned from Baltimore with our heads held high because we knew we helped change lives while representing Mansfield University.”

The Mansfield group spent Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10 of their week at the Franciscan Center in Baltimore, a one stop shop for individuals in need.

“Our main responsibility for the two

days was to welcome guests, prepare and serve food, cleaning, and with their clothing drive,” Crofchick said. “During our two days at the Franciscan Center, we served over 550 individuals in need.”

Wednesday, March 11, Mansfield University students set up and prepped for a college fair for the Boys and Girls Club students ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade in Baltimore. The Mansfield students then volunteered at the college fair, talking with high school age participants about benefits of going to college and the positive impact of obtaining a college degree.

“It was truly humbling to see our Mansfield students working with these young adults and I am positive they inspired many during this event,” Crofchick said.

After the college fair, all “Break a Difference” volunteers participated in a program called “Walk a Mile,” which put volunteers in the shoes of individuals in need and walk a mile.

“We really did walk a mile in the shoes of someone less fortunate for a whole week,” Corradi said. “The experience we had as a team will stay with me always and I am so thankful.”

On Thursday, March 12, the Mansfield University contingent helped at Real Food Farms, a Baltimore farm that grows vegetables for the homeless and needy. They took down



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(Front Row L-R): Alana Corradi, Brianna Dion, Marissa Gilbert (Back Row L-R) Ben Rosenberger, Mark Nellenbach, Jake Rubin, Frank Crofchick

greenhouses damaged during the winter and built new ones.

Friday, March 13, the Mansfield group volunteered at the Maryland Food Bank in Baltimore, packaging food and clothing in boxes to be distributed to individuals in need around the state of Maryland.

“I had no idea the types of services that existed for people in crisis,” Rosenberger said. “Alternative Spring Break with ‘Break a Difference’ really opened my eyes to the needs that people may have and how those needs can be met. I plan on applying some of those helping strategies to aid those in need in my own home community.”

Also during the week, the Mansfield group had the chance to tour the United States Capital Building with the rest of the “Break a Difference” volunteers and see some of the sights in Washington, DC and Baltimore.

To see more pictures from the Mansfield “Break a Difference” experience, go to the Community Service Club Facebook page at facebook.com/MansfieldUniversityCommunityServiceClub.

For more information on the Community Service Club and community and volunteer services and opportunities at Mansfield University, go to mansfield.edu/community-service2/

Mansfield University will be offering Italian in Fall 2015

By **BRAD HOLTMAN**
Flashlight Contributor

Starting in Fall 2015, Mansfield University will be offering a course in Italian language and culture.

Ciao! Lei parla italiano? If you have ever wished you could study Italian language and culture at Mansfield, then you are in luck! Dr. Brad Holtman will be offering FORL 1101 Introduction to Italian I in Fall 2015! Note that the course is listed under “Foreign Language” in WebAdvisor.

Italian is, of course, the international

language of music and art, the Renaissance, Dante and Petrarch, Galileo, Columbus, and many other illustrious figures. It is considered one of the most beautiful languages on Earth and is the closest modern language to Latin.

Yet, Italian is far from being mired in the past. It is a modern, vital tongue in today's world, in business, in technology, and in many other contemporary areas of life. Italy has a robust and dynamic economy and is one of the major trading partners with the United States.

As with French, German, Spanish, or other languages these days, a knowledge of

Italian and cultural insights into the country could be your trump card to getting that job you want over someone else equally qualified but with no language skills. You need to be prepared to compete in a global economy.

Italy is rich in tradition and extremely diverse in terms of culture, with each region having its own characteristics, traditions, and dialects. Armed with standard Italian competence, you can navigate all of these fascinating areas and really connect with the people.

Perhaps you are of Italian descent and wish to research your ancestry. Maybe you

simply want to meet friendly, warm people who are eager to share with you the natural and architectural splendors of their country. And who doesn't like Italian food! You will never run out of regional specialties to sample, and there are scrumptious dishes to please every palate in any place large or small.

FORL 1101 Introduction to Italian I will be offered in Fall 2015 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. There are no prerequisites except a willingness to dive in and explore this great language and its cultural richness. Contact Dr. Holtman if you need more information.

Want to build your resume and have a fun time doing it? Do you love journalism? Join the Flashlight!

You don't have to be a communication major either! Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

SGA holds policy meeting and event planning

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

Last week the Student Government Association (SGA) met and failed to approve two motions.

The first being to change the nominations for President and Vice President to March 31, and the second to change the date of the gavel passing from April 7 to the 14.

SGA Vice President Jared Berken moved both of the aforementioned motions. After long discussion, both of the motions were denied. Currently, the President and Vice President of SGA for next year will be Brett Helmus, and Marquise Isaac-Rivers respectively.

Both the President and Vice President positions were ran uncontested, and the changing of the gavel will happen on April 7, with elections on April 3. Senator Makenzie Hafer moved to strike Article 3, Section 1: Subsection D of the Student Government Association Constitution.

The line states that a person must have completed on semester of SGA before taking office. The motion was discussed then tabled until next meeting, due to Roberts Rules of Order regarding policy changes.

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Order regarding policy changes. This week SGA had a policy meeting, there were five policies placed on the floor. Four of the policies passed and one failed.

If you have any questions about the policies you can see the SGA website at <http://www.mansfield.edu/sga/>, or you can visit the Student Government Association office at 203 Alumni Hall Student Center.

The Office of Admissions will be holding Accepted Student Day in accordance with Spring Fling on April 2. SGA passed to have Admissions pay \$10 per each student to go to Spring Fling concert headlined by the All American Rejects.

The ground cover for the football field recently arrived. The ground cover will be used for graduation and Spring Fling. The

cost of the cover was \$74,000. The tabled motion from the week before was moved to the table. The motion is to

strike Article 3, Section 1: Subsection D of the Student Government Association Constitution.

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Currently the account balances of

SGA are as follows, the allocated account has \$80,000, the unallocated is at \$71,000 and the Committee on Finance Capital account is \$139,000.

SGA Treasurer, Alex Bock, mentioned to the congregation that SGA will only be receiving around \$1.8-1.9 million next year, less than this year's funding of \$2.1 million,

to run on due to student decline. The Career Center came to SGA to request money to "update the center to the 21 century." The total would amount to \$2,000. SGA approved the request.

SGA will be hosting RED Fridays, RED stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. The event calls for participants to wear red in honor of American troops.

On April 3, 2015 we want to have the entire campus show their support by wearing red. And we also are having a photo taken on the football field that day of all the students, faculty and staff that come out to support. Wearing the color red will also show school pride and support of our University. There will be free T-shirts and food at the football field on April 3.

This is a collaborated effort between SGA and one of Mansfield's students, Cecil Cooper.



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CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
27 - All Day - Last day to Withdraw from a Course - All Day Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign	28 - 7:30 p.m. Faculty Trio Concert, Hyeri Choi, Zachary Sweet and Nancy Boston - All Day Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign	29 - All Day Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign - 2:30 p.m. Richard Weston, Guest Artist Recital	30 - All Day Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign - 11:30 a.m. UCM Chow with the Chaplains	31 - 8:15 a.m. Admissions Visit: Philadelphia Accepted Student Overnight Bus Group - 11:30 a.m. UCM Chow with the Chaplains	1 - 11:00 a.m. Admissions Visit: Corning Community College TRiO Visit	2 - 11:30 a.m. Civil War Speakers Series: Robert Wooley - 11:30 a.m. United Campus Ministry Bible Study
3 - 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. RED Friday - 9 p.m. Friday Night Movies at The Hut	4 - 6 p.m. MISO Pacifica Spring Festival	5	6 - 8:00 p.m. Monday Night Recreation Game Night at The Hut	7 - 8:00 p.m. United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	8 - 7:00 p.m. Communicating Science Though Data Visualization - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Open Mic Night at The Hut	9 - 11:30 a.m. Civil War Speaker Series: Bill Robertson - 11:30 United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 8:00 Weekly Live Entertainment at The Hut

“This Is What A Feminist Looks Like” Day held at Mansfield University

Mansfield University’s celebration of Women’s History Month continued on Wednesday, March 25 with “This Is What A Feminist Looks Like” Day as part of Project Equality.

The project, spearheaded by Mansfield University students Angel King, a Community Health Education major from Athens, Pennsylvania, and Kate Gavin, a Human Resources Management major from Canisteo, New York, involved the distribution of T-shirts to more than 450 students, faculty and staff to be worn on Wednesday.

The T-shirt says, “Mansfield University, This Is What A Feminist Looks Like” on the

front. The back reads, “Feminism: The Belief That Everyone Should Be Treated Equally.”

“Last August, Kate and I attended a women’s leadership conference,” King said. “The conference focused on feminism and we weren’t 100% sure where we stood with that, but we learned quickly that almost everyone, even though they may not say it, is a feminist. We learned that the negative connotation with that word needs to be erased and people need to understand what it really means.”

The pair returned to campus and gathered support for their project. The Student Government Association (SGA),

Students Advocating for Everyone (SAFE), The President’s Commission on the Status of Women, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Women’s Consortium and the Mansfield University Human Resources Department all signed on as sponsors.

A Facebook page has been set up in support of the event at [facebook.com/events/1424208407873900/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1424208407873900/)



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TERRY DAY

Students, faculty and staff gather in front of North Hall in their “This Is What A Feminist Looks Like” T-shirts (top). The design to the T-shirts front is on left, and right on back (bottom).



Dear Flashlight Reader,

As many of you know, our last week’s issue, Issue 7, of The Flashlight was not distributed on campus.

We understand and appreciate your concerns regarding the missing issue. We also want to inform you of the reason behind the missing issue.

I wish I could say this mishap was a planned vacation, but unfortunately the missing issue was because of our own error.

What happened was a problem in the program communications to the publisher. Basically, we sent them Issue 6 again by mistake.

I apologize for any inconvenience on behalf of the Flashlight staff. To amend for our error, we have combined all the content that was slated for publication in Issue 7 along with the new content of Issue 8.

We felt it best to be honest with our readers and our sponsors — without you dedicated folks

we wouldn’t have a reason for all our efforts or the means to produce our paper.

If you wish to see the original copy of Issue 7, you can visit the North Hall Digital Archives at http://lib.mansfield.edu/ld.php?content_id=9365371.

Thank you for understanding and continued support. And as always any questions or concerns are welcomed.

Dean R. Lee
Editor-in-Chief

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NOW HIRING PEER MENTORING PEER TUTORING SUMMER 2015 PAID POSITIONS

The 2015 Summer Gateway Program is now accepting applications for PEER MENTORS and PEER TUTORS. Applications must be a current MU student in good academic standings. Applicants will go through an interview process. Hired students will live on campus this summer with incoming freshmen. Applicants must:

- Be responsible, patient, and flexible
- Motivate, inspire, and lead by example
- Provide guidance and constructive feedback
- Listen, support and value opinions
- Respect diversity

Any questions please contact Vickie Sax at vsax@mansfield.edu

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Professor Completes Musical Quest of playing in all 50 states

Mansfield University Music Professor Joseph Murphy has completed his quest to perform in all 50 states. The final tune was a concert in Anchorage, Alaska in early March.

In 2005, Murphy, a saxophonist, realized he had performed in 20 states and set the goal to make it to all 50.

Most of his performances since 2002 has been with classical guitarist Matthew Slotkin, who taught with Murphy at Mansfield University from 2001 to 2011 and now on the faculty at Bloomsburg University. As Duo Montagnard, they have performed more than 300 concerts, touring during most teaching breaks.

"In addition to all 50 states, we (Duo Montagnard) have performed on six continents, and I have been ribbed about playing in Antarctica, until Peggy Dettwiler (Mansfield University Director of Choral Activities) said she knows a choir going to Antarctica in December," Murphy said. "I

will be going on that trip with Steven Fisher and the Commonwealth Youth Choir from Philadelphia, completing another unlikely career goal of performing on all seven continents."

Murphy has performed in 23 countries including eight of the 10 Canadian Provinces, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Uruguay and Wales.

"Most performances are hosted by universities and conservatories and include me teaching during the visit," Murphy said. "I have also performed at eight World Saxophone Congresses."

In addition to his performances with Duo Montagnard, Murphy, who has been on the Mansfield faculty since 1987, has performed with nearly every fellow Mansfield University

music faculty member at one time or another. He and Nancy Boston, piano, performed a recital at Lincoln Center in New York City in 1996 and received a positive review in the New York Times.

Locally, Murphy has performed on the Wellsboro Community Concert Series, several solos with the Mansfield University Concert Wind Ensemble, the Wellsboro Town Band and at the Chautauqua Institution.

Murphy is an avid proponent of new music, having premiered more than 50 new works, including pieces by Mansfield University colleague Andrew Walters and Pulitzer Prize winning composers Gunther Schuller, Bernard Rands and John Harbison.

Murphy lives in Wellsboro with his wife Jackie. Their son, Nathan is a graduate student at McGill University.



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Joseph Murphy stands with his saxophone in Anchorage Alaska.

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Operation Goodies will come to Mansfield University

By **LORI ENGLE**
News Editor

On April 9, 2015 students from Mansfield University will be hosting "Operation Goodies".

A group of Public Relations majors were assigned an organization to work with in order to promote Public Relations for the organization. Goodies for Our Troops was given to the Public Relations Workshop Project Team, containing Eric Rodriguez, Taylor Stupski, Erica Frank, Kassie Landis, Dawn Brooks, and Que Willis. With the hard work of these students, they came up with the idea for "Operation Goodies".

This event will be held in the lawn by Eliott Hall. The cookout will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. During the event there will be food for sale. The price of a plate is \$2. There will also be games going on at the event.

"We just wanted to put on a nice event for Goodies for our Troops. We are hoping that this event will bring out positive vibes, gather donations, and encourage students and the community to help packing. Goodies for Our Troops is a good cause. We just want to get their name out," Rodriguez said. When asked if he plans on helping after the project is done, he said "After class, I want to stay involved. Just one day out of the month to do something great. Why not help?"

Goodies for Our Troops is a non-profit organization that helps make care packages

for those serving overseas and even those that are retired and living in the country. It has been in operations for almost 10 years and hopes to keep going strong.

Goodies for Our Troops has a three day weekend every month for volunteers to gather and help pack up the care packages and get them ready to be sent off. Though they have this event, the volunteers are also in their Wellsboro location seven days a week packaging up boxes.

"We want to help our troops and let them know that we still support them. Our troops can't see the yellow ribbons that we display on our cars, but they can see the care packages that we send them," Dawn Pletcher a volunteer at Wellsboro said. "We just want to expand out to the Mansfield University. There are already clubs and organizations helping, but we could use all the help we can get."

Last Saturday, the sisters of Sigma Alpha Iota a music sorority here at Mansfield University went to help Goodies for Our Troops by packaging up care packages. "They were a lovely group of ladies. They really enjoyed helping us and we enjoyed their help" Pletcher said.

Goodies for Our Troops has always received help from the Veterans organization and the Campus Ministry.

For more information about Goodies for Our Troops or to volunteer contact Dawn Pletcher at 570-662-5601 or by email at Goodies@ptd.net



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Film Review: Chappie

By **EVAN JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Chappie by director Neill Blomkamp, best known for the modern sci-fi classic District 9, has once again combined a unique story with amazing acting and equally impressive graphics to make an unforgettable and heartwarming classic.

This film stirs up a lot of thoughts. Between District 9 and Elysium, it was up in the air about how it would be reviewed. This film was great, surprisingly.

The film begins by showing a crime ridden and slightly futuristic version of Johannesburg, South Africa. Then it is explained that crime has been brought down after the introduction of androids into the powerless police force.

With their power now back, thanks to the androids, the police mostly have control over the city. The creator of the androids has been secretly working on a form of artificial intelligence that could theoretically make

a machine smarter than a human. A series of events occur that result in the creation of Chappie. What follows is one of the best sci-fi films I have seen in a while with equally impressive graphics and acting.

The film is a commentary on humans' tendency to destroy things whenever they intervene. It is also a commentary on the fragility and meaning of life. One of my favorite lines is when Chappie asks his creator, "Why did you create me to die?"

It is a good question. Why create life if it is destined to die? Anyway, I'm not going to turn this review into an existential commentary on human life. It is just something to think about and a question that this film asked very well. The deeper meaning behind the film was not the only thing that stood out.

Watching Chappie grow and be influenced by humans was an eye opening experience. Humans do not let innocence grow and it tends to be soured whenever humans involve themselves in its development. I am admittedly jealous of Chappie's childlike



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Chappie is rated 'R' for violence, language and brief nudity.

innocence and intelligence that few possess for long.

However, even as humans try to corrupt Chappie, it is still clear that he is innocent at heart and cares for those that he loves. The story was truly outstanding — creating such a multi-dimensional non-human character like Chappie was equally impressive.

The acting was top-notch. I firmly believe that Sharlto Copley stole the show as Chappie. His voice and movements conveyed more emotion than any facial features could have done. Copley went to high school with director Neill Blomkamp and has been in most of his films. I am truly happy this friendship exists or Copley might not have been in the role of Chappie, which was truly breathtaking.

However, besides Copley's performance and the writing, another thing that stood out were the special effect graphics. I haven't been this impressed with a film's special effects since Interstellar and Avatar. The robots looked completely real. From the dents and coloring

of the metal, to the motions that Chappie made.

His motions changed as he matured throughout the film and were very believable. They were so impressive that I often forgot that Chappie was actually Sharlto Copley. The subtle changes in Chappie's eyes were also impressive and helped convey great emotion through subtle changes in the shape of his eyes.

To put it simply, Chappie is a surprisingly great film that you have to see to believe. It can be a tearjerker at times so be warned. But, if you can get past that then I highly recommend it. It was just unfortunate that it had to be released on spring break weekend because it didn't get the attention it might and should have if it were released another weekend. Out of all of the films that have already come out this year, I recommend this one out of all of them, so far. It is a must see and truly remarkable cinematic experience that you will not regret seeing after you do.

PSECU Financial Corner: Happenings on Campus

By **EMILY SHOSH**
Staff Writer

Many money experts say that credit unions are a good deal for consumers. Because credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, they work for their member-owners, offering them low- or no-cost financial products and services. Since you're a student at this school, one of PA's largest credit unions has a special deal for you.

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Career Center Advice: The Importance of a Cover Letter

By **ANTHONY WILCOX**
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Why do I need a cover letter? What good does a cover letter do? Those are questions that college students ask, but believe me, if you take the time to type it and make yourself sound like the perfect hire, you will realize why cover letters are important.

A poor cover letter is one that uses a template from Microsoft Word and just fills in all of the blank spaces with our information or job specifics.

A strong cover letter is written from scratch specifically for that particular company and position and explains how you can meet their needs and be a good fit in their organization.

Typically, it should be no longer than a page. Only speak briefly about credentials, that's your resumes' job to go over those aspects.

Prove that you have done your research on the company and connect the dots on how you are a good candidate for the job.

Cover letters can be much more narrative in style, so this is your chance to really impress them with your writing and storytelling abilities. One of the main objectives of a cover letter is to sell yourself.

Prove to the hiring manager that you know a lot about the company or busi-

ness and that you would be as great a fit.

Do not just say you know a lot about the job or business. Research jobs and businesses before applying.

While writing your cover letter remember that this is the first thing that your employer will see and that it will be pivotal in obtaining your interview.

Some questions to answer in a cover letter: Who is my audience? What are the needs of my audience?

How can I explain that I have the skills and assets to satisfy the needs of my audience?

Keeping these questions in mind will come in handy when coming up with your rough draft.

Be short, sweet, to-the-point and fulfilling. Don't get too intricate. Keep your sentences short but show personality and be relatable.

Don't use jargon or fragmented sentences. Before you mail the letter out, be sure that it is your best professional effort.

A cover letter is a big part of landing that job you've always dreamed about and you need to make sure that it is the best work you could've done.

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The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

Daniel

I woke up with Daisy standing in front of me. “Daisy! You’re okay!”

Daisy said to me, “Well I feel better than you look, I’m sure.”

Daisy began to pace around the room after she turned on the light above the chair. I assume she was looking for a way out. There were no windows, and the concrete floor was cold below me. There was a chair behind me in the center of the room and a table against the wall of the far side.

“Any ideas about why we’re here?”

“For revenge, but that’s all I know…” I ripped my sweatshirt to tie strips around her wrists.

“Thanks,” she said and then walked to the door and tried to open it. I was sure they would have been smart enough to lock it, but she gently opened the door and listened. I walked over to her.

“I don’t think they know anything”

“Or maybe they aren’t saying. Seems like they could use some incentive. Bruce, get in there and provide some! Tiny, make sure he does this right.”

Two big, burly men walked toward us, Daisy shut the door quickly and we backed

up, I stood in front of her protectively.

Daisy grabbed on to the lamp and swung around into one of the goons who toppled into the other one and me and we fell to the ground with a chorus of “oof!” I tried to crawl away from one grabbed my ankle and began whaling on me.

I heard Daisy struggling with the other until she went quiet. I kicked the other off and ran to Daisy shaking her. Her neck was already beginning to swell as a cut above her eyebrow bled down her face. I could feel my lip and nose bleeding, but I didn’t care.

Suddenly the door slammed shut with a “bang!” and a “click” as the lock engaged and the men were laughing. Daisy was breathing, but I could tell she wouldn’t be awake for a few hours. I paced the room, spitting blood out of my mouth.

How were we going to get through this? Later, Daisy began to stir. She sat up. “Hey, how ya feeling, sis?”

Daisy winced and gave me a thumbs up. She had a black eye so bad her eye barely opened and her throat looked as though there was a pineapple in it. She needed a doctor. I helped Daisy stand as she mouthed “stitches” and pointed to my lip.

“I know” I told her. She fussed with the blood for a little while, trying to wipe it off with her shirt and spit. “There are more important things than your face right now, Daisy.”

Daisy just shook her head. Sometimes she could be such a girl.

“Well at least we are both alive. We’ll have to trick them into letting us out.”

“Was your last plan getting knocked in the back of your head?” Daisy whispered as she rolled her eyes at me. I know I messed up, but I really just wanted to save her. I thought I was doing the right thing.

“No…” I replied sheepishly as I put my hands in my pockets and felt my cell phone. I had forgotten I had it and took it out of my pocket. “No service…” The screen was cracked, probably from the guy falling on me. The screen was still usable but, “ouch” I said as the glass cut me.

“I’ll be coming up with the plan and I think I just got it. Lift me up.”

I walked to Daisy and looked up at what she was thinking. “I should go, it’s too dangerous for you.”

“You’re too big, besides, if they come back, I won’t be able to yell for you.” She took my phone from me and put it in her own pocket.

“I don’t like this Daisy.” I told her as she put her foot in my hands and I lifted her up. She quietly took the cover off then shimmied inside the vent.

I paced around the room waiting for Daisy to come back. I hope she can find service or a way out. Or both. What could

they want with us? Is this something our parents could have done? Even if we find a way out, these men could come after us. We’d have to take them to jail, or kill them, but I don’t think that’s an option.

Just then, the door opened and Daisy smiled, “Piece of cake” she said. I walked to the doorway, able to see the vent cover on the floor.

“Now where too?” I asked as I looked around the maze of cubicles.

“I haven’t figured that out yet, but Bruce and Tiny are gone, so we just have to be quiet and stay out of sight.”

We began weaving through, looking for a door to the outside or a window close enough to the ground to crawl out.

“I’m tired…” Daisy whined.

“Sleep and die, sis.”

A sudden blaring entered my ear drums. An alarm. They figured out we were missing and we still didn’t know how to escape!

“Find them! Bring them to me!!! Kill them if you have too!” Daisy and I froze. What now?

Daisy grabbed my arm and ran into the nearest cubicle, crouching under the desk. This one was empty, luckily. A few men ran by, missing us. Phew.

“We can’t just hide here, Daisy. They’ll find us” Daisy looked up, fear in her eyes.

The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life

By **LORI ENGLE**
News Editor

Daisy

Sitting under the desk with Daniel made me think about my life. Everything I have done. Everything I wish I would have done. What would I be doing right now if me parents had never died...My parents. Damn I missed them.

“Daisy!” Daniel's panicked voice brought me back to reality. The alarm was still going off. My head was pounding. I gently touched my eye. Ow. Yup, it still hurt. I looked around as people ran around looking for us. Feet came running passed the desk. Just when I thought the coast was clear, another pair ran past. This was starting to get exhausting. I looked around for an exit. There was a giant sign hanging from the ceiling that began to flash. The sign read “Exit” and had an arrow pointing toward the stairs.

“Well, that's convenient. Daniel, when I say run I want you to run toward that door.” I looked over at Daniel. His eyes trailed to the door then back to me.

“What are you going to do?” Daniel was

good at following directions...once he asked a million questions first.

“I’m going to buy you some time. I found a pair of keys in one of the offices. It has a key fob on it. Find the car by unlocking it and looking for the flashing lights. Daniel, DO NOT find it using the alarm.” I pulled the keys from the pocket and handed them to him.

“I’m not going to leave you behind! I came here to rescue you.” Daniel peaked his head out from under the desk to watch the one man that was looking under the desks for us.

“And look how that ended up for us. I’ll be fine, Daniel. I’ll be right behind you.” I pulled Daniel back under the desk before the man could notice him.

“Why can’t you go for the car and I stay?” Daniel pulled his arm away determined to be the one to try and save me. Maybe, he wanted to make up for the fact that he got caught in the first place.

“Because you can run faster than I can right now. Dammit, Daniel stop asking questions. Now, Run!” I jumped out from under the desk and took off away from the door tackling the only poor unfortunate soul

in the room. I looked back as Daniel ran through the door and down the stairs.

Before I could remember that I was in the middle of a fight, the man kicked me off of him. I flew back into a desk and fell to my side gasping for air. As I struggled to breathe, I sat up and swung my leg from under the man knocking him over. The man fell backwards hitting his head off another desk. He fell down on the ground knocked out cold as blood ran from his head. I looked around for anyone else before I ran through the door and down the stairs looking for Daniel. I walked into the parking garage then dove out of the way before a car had the chance to hit me. I stood up looking for a way to run.

“Get in!” Daniel swung open the passenger door. As I crawled in and put my seat belt on, Daniel sped off. We were free... for now anyway. The drive out of the parking garage was easy. Maybe a little too easy. I looked back at the factory type building and sighed in relief. I sat back in the seat and noticed a small sign.

“Welcome all who enter’...Isn’t that ironic...” I looked over at Daniel who smiled at me.

“We are never entering again.” Daniel

kept driving for the next two miles then sighed. “Shit...there's a cop...”

“Pull over! Maybe he can help us.” I looked back seeing a sheriff car behind us. Daniel pulled the car over to the side of the road putting on his four-ways. I hopped out of the car and put my hands up. “Please help us...”

“Daisy? Daniel?” Officer Bubbles got out of his car and walked over to me as Daniel got out and stood next to us. “Who did this to you?”

“We don't know. The leader never showed his face to us. All we know are his initials. J.D.U” Daniel leaned back on the trunk of the car we had stolen. A stolen car and a police officer...no big deal.

“J.D.U.? We have been following him for years.” Officer Bubbles pulled his phone from his pocket.

“Well, you found me.” There was a deep voice that echoed behind us followed by a gun shot. Officer Bubbles fell to his knees before falling on his side, dead.

“Daisy...” Daniel held my hand as we turned around coming face to face with the man that killed our parents...and that was about to kill us.

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March 21 - April 19

If your patience with someone who's heavy on promises but light on delivery is wearing thin, today is the day to have a little heart-to-heart with this person. It's not quite time for an ultimatum, but it is definitely time to tell this person to get real. The difficulty of your discussion will be in direct proportion to the relationship's closeness -- keep this in mind. Try not to mix business with friendships, because if you do, both tend to suffer in the long run.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

A new possession is bringing up some weird old feelings, and you are starting to wonder why such significance is put on material goods. Give yourself time to integrate this new item into your life, and don't worry if it just doesn't feel right yet. You will have to adapt -- and it might not be comfortable at first, but it will teach you a valuable lesson. If you can deal with some short-term discomfort now, you will enjoy a huge improvement in your standard of living later.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

You know that saying about good fences making good neighbors? It will ring very true to you today, when the more distance you keep between yourself and a friend, the likelier it is that you two will remain friends. Your lives are becoming a bit too intertwined, and a bit of separation will do you both good. Disregard some 'secrets' you've recently been told -- you should not assume that you've heard the truth. Remove yourself from an imbroglio that's just beginning. Stay neutral.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

You've got the sweet disposition that makes any medicine palatable right now, so don't be afraid to push for something you want. Your charm, combined with genuine enthusiasm, will encourage other people to be very receptive to your ideas. It looks as though something that you have been wanting to take off will finally get some lift today. Powerful movers and shakers are on board, and you could be looking at a bona fide success very soon!

LEO

July 23 - August 22

A short, casual conversation could evolve into a lengthy discussion that goes around in circles today -- but you and your curious mind will love every minute of it. Dig into some complex, multifarious issues, and explore their many facets and subtle nuances. No two people experience the same reality -- and when two people try to explain their realities to each other, the resulting conversation can be quite fascinating. Listen carefully -- you might hear something that blows your mind.

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

When was the last time you experienced something that was truly foreign to you? Today, explore an aspect of an unfamiliar religion or culture. You should welcome the new ideas you meet today with open arms. Some ideas will be too confusing to pay attention to, but quite a few will be intriguing enough to warrant a greater portion of your time in the future. And a couple of them will change your life. Today is a day to make plans and aim high.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

When someone starts a heavy conversation today, it may be an attempt to get closer to you. Don't shut down or be afraid to share, but don't let yourself be forced to say more than you want. Many new people will soon be showing up in your life, and their attention could surprise you. Get ready for big demands on your time, from many different directions. Think about the type of energy you want in your life, and then cozy up to the people who can give it to you.

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Your flexibility will help you win a fun battle today -- in a contest to see who is willing to do more, you will come out on top easily. The way you always make things work out perfectly, even in very difficult conditions, is something that many powerful people admire in you. Someone in particular is trying to emulate you (perhaps a little too closely for your comfort), but keep in mind that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

You may think that there is a little too much on your plate right now, but the universe is confident that you can handle it all without any problem. Some recent events have dented your self-esteem a little bit, but today offers you a wonderful opportunity to smooth out those dents and get yourself feeling shiny and new again. All you have to do is take any opportunity you're given, and you'll plow through everything on your to-do list, one item at a time.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Today, pattern your behavior after some of the children in your life, and let go of some of your self-conscious assumptions about how you 'should' act. This doesn't mean you should act immature -- no food fights or temper tantrums! Rather, you should let go of a few hang-ups for good. It's time you realized that life is a crazy ride, and you should ensure that you have at least a few minutes of playtime each day. Being productive is not important today.

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

Someone who thinks that stories from his or her past apply to your life needs a reality check. This person truly wants to help you, so keep that in mind when you explain that you're not interested in listening to any more tactless reminiscing or unsuitable advice. Some people just aren't able to see that their 'insight' isn't helping -- or is, in fact, hurting. (Remember this next time you want to use stories from your personal history as a way of giving someone else guidance.)

PISCES

February 19 - March 20

When something is troubling you, it can be helpful to try to live in an illusion -- to keep yourself so distracted that you don't have to deal with unpleasant thoughts. This is an acceptable short-term solution, but it's a very bad long-term strategy. Today you need to face the reality of where you are and what has been going on. Reality is never as awful as you fear. Plus, you can't get control of your life if you don't see it accurately.

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It takes experience to make experience

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As the spring semester comes to its peak, the frantic searching for summer jobs, internships, and for graduating seniors, a suitable entry-level career is rampant. But, the issue many college students face is that these careers they are trying to enter are looking for someone with experience. Frankly, very few students meet this mold.

I am planning on graduating in the fall of 2015, I have worked as a reporter and editor on two college newspapers. I have worked in radio. I even worked with graphic design programs – many moons ago. I have restaurant experience, retail experience, and educational experience with kids 7-16 and kids with special needs. Yet, I get turned away for other unnamed candidates for internships for news outlets. And many students have a similar story.

In a 2013 Washington Post article, “Only 27 percent of college grads have a job related to their major,” it is stated that only 62% of college graduates had a job that required a college degree. A startling 27% of college graduates have jobs that specifically relate to their major. I could guarantee that very few graduating seniors at Mansfield have jobs lined up for them after spring. The problem isn’t that students aren’t educated, they are just taught to have the wrong priorities.

Students lose the ability to problem-solve and prioritize in today’s college environment because we are taught to follow a syllabus. I have heard professors talk about how in the “real world” there will be no syllabi. Well if that’s true, which it seems to be, we should just do away with them all together. Face it, professors hate writing student learning objectives as much as students hate reading them.

I also find that there is no unifor-

mity when it comes to professional development in college. You will hear all of these things stressed if you are a college student at least some point in your life: pick the right major, join lots of clubs, engage in community service, get great – not just good – grades, network, create a portfolio, dig for scholarships, and probably more pieces of advice I can’t think of.

Students are expected to bet their future in all these things while still tackling the responsibilities of adulthood like paying bills, keeping a job or jobs, and maintaining some semblance of a social life.

It is easy for students to get tunnel vision. I myself spent many sleepless nights paralyzed because there is so much to do, and no clear way to prioritize what is necessary. The “super” human view of what today’s students are supposed to be like is impractical. Students all have unique strengths, but these strengths aren’t fostered properly when they are told to care about so much.

But, students’ inability to prioritize and learn problem-solving skills is only half of the issue.

Because there is such a great emphasis on receiving a college degree, the pool of applicants for a specific job has become astronomical. Basically, an employer has all the power, and they can be as selective as they wish when hiring job candidates. Because employers have such narrow job qualifications, many are left stuck with debt that wasn’t worth their degree.

The second problem is that expectations of college graduates are so high that very few of these graduates end up moving in to a career they intended to get. In my many searches for an entry level job or internship, I see “needs job experience,” but, it’s hard to have experience when all prospective employers have unrealistic standards.

Students need to change their learning habits while employers need to change their narrow frames for students.

In a 2015 Washington Post article, “Why are so many college students failing to gain job skills before graduation?” employers scored students job preparedness staggeringly lower than students do. I’ll agree that students today are not as prepared as they should be, but I also find that companies often don’t want to take risks on hiring a student, or trying to create entry level positions that allow for students to slowly ascend the corporate ladder. Instead, students are expected to be job ready fresh out of college.

Companies want to save as much as possible and don’t want to wantonly hire whoever walks in, but it also puts stress on employees to train themselves and do as many jobs as possible within an organization. As the article states, “College graduates now move into a contextual job, not a task-based job.”

I have been fortunate to have been hired by so many great companies that have provided me with the training to make me proficient at my job – many don’t anymore. You are throw to the proverbial wolves and most, as expected by employers, will sink rather than swim. This negative perception of college graduates is just as toxic as the inability to prioritize.

So I encourage all students to do whatever it is you do best, because you can’t please all the people all of the time. Keep your goals modest, there is the most room to surprise others and yourself. And last, don’t get bent out of shape if your career plans go askew. Somewhere, there will be someone who is looking for your type of experience.



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Mansfield Alumni Kris Petersen Named Primary Contact for Penn State Football

Kris Petersen, a former student-assistant in the Mansfield University sports information office and four-year letterwinner on the Mountaineer softball team, is the new primary football contact for the Penn State Athletic Strategic Communications.

Petersen's move from primary women's basketball to primary football contact was made yesterday as part of an announced reorganization of Penn State Intercollegiate Athletics.

Petersen, who just completed her ninth season as the media relations contact for the Lady Lion basketball team, becomes the first female to serve as primary football contact for the Nittany Lions. She is one of a 13 females to serve as prime football contact in the FBS.

Petersen had served as a secondary contact for football in addition to her duties as the primary contact for the women's basketball program. She also assisted with the maintenance of Penn State's website (www.GoPSUsports.com), oversaw the women's golf contact and serves as the department's liaison to the Nittany Lion Club while supervising members of the Athletic Communications staff. Additionally, she has served on the Women's Final Four media relations staff each of the last five years.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Petersen arrived at Happy Valley after serving as Director of Media Relations at the Mid-Continent Conference (now the Summit League) for two years.

At the Mid-Continent Conference, Petersen was responsible for overseeing the media relations efforts for 19 sports. Her duties included serving as the media coordinator of the Mid-Continent Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Championships, maintaining the conference's website, writing and designing various publications and serving as the primary conference administrator at selected Mid-Con Championships.

Petersen previously spent three-plus years at the Patriot League, being promoted

to Director of Media Relations in July 2004. She was the primary contact for 15 sports, including women's basketball, while serving as Assistant Media Relations Director from 2001-04.

During the 2000-01 academic year, Petersen was a Communications Assistant at the Big East Conference.

Petersen was a four-year letterwinner on the softball team at Mansfield University playing under head coach Edith Gallagher. She earned Dean's List recognition four semesters, was a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Scholar-Athlete three times and an NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete twice. Petersen was also a member of Lambda Pi Eta, the communications honor fraternity.

She earned her degree in broadcasting and public relations from Mansfield in 2000, serving as a student assistant in the sports information office and appeared in 102 games as a member of the softball program from 1997-2000. Mansfield finished as the ECAC Division II runner-up in her senior season.

Petersen becomes the second former Mansfield University sports information student-assistant to be named primary football contact for an FBS level program.

Eric Bohannon, a member of the Mountaineer sports information staff as an undergraduate and three-year starter at long-snapper on the football team from 2004-06, currently is the primary football contact for Old Dominion University.

Billy Dee, a 1975 Mansfield State University graduate and offensive guard on the Mountaineer football team, is the Offensive Run Game Coordinator for the Monarchs. Old Dominion is a member of Conference USA.

Petersen and Bohannon are two of more than two dozen former Mansfield University sports information student-assistants who have gone on to positions in the NFL, AFL, ESPN, NFL Films along with NCAA Division I, II and III programs.



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Petersen graduated in the class of 2000.

Ashley Inman named ECAC Athlete of the Week



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Inman is a junior elementary education major.

Mansfield University standout Ashley Inman was named the ECAC Division II Pitcher of the Week for her outstanding performance during the first week of the softball season.

Inman went 3-0 during the first week of the Mountaineer's spring break trip, allowing no earned runs in 15.2 innings worked in the circle.

In four appearances, the junior recorded 24 strikeouts, with 11 coming against Virginia State in a complete game win, and only five walks in 15.2 innings of work.

The Tunkhannock native faced 57 batters, and they posted a mere .158 batting average against the ace.

Have a suggestion for April's *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to Heather Ritter at flashlit@mansfield.edu by April 17th.

Mounties softball falls to Edinboro and Salem International at the Dinwiddie

Courtney Bauder recorded three RBI's, but it wouldn't prove to be enough as Mansfield lost to Edinboro 3-2 in extra innings and Salem International 7-3 March 12 at the Dinwiddie County Sports Complex.

Ashley Inman, this week's ECAC Division II Pitcher of the Week, started on the mound for the Mounties. The junior was hitless until the top of the third inning as Laura Crooks singled on a 1-0 count. With Crooks on first and Shelby Proctor on third, Megan Miller tagged out Heather Tighe to end the top of the third and keep the score at 0-0.

Edinboro came knocking again in the top of the fourth as Jessica Hyland hit an RBI single to right field to put the Fighting Scots up 1-0. Mansfield responded as Taylor Chidester put the Mounties on the board with a Kaitlyn Hewitt single to end the fourth inning tied 1-1.

Over the next three innings, both teams would combine for three hits but were held scoreless.

In the eighth inning, Proctor hit a two out, two RBI double to left field to put Edinboro up 3-1 going into the bottom of the eighth.

Mansfield wins against Upper Iowa

Mansfield used a six-run seventh inning to surge past Upper Iowa 8-3 in nine innings on March 11 at Jack Russell Stadium in the Mountaineer's final game in the Sunshine State.

Taylor Hillson went 3-for-5 at the plate with a run scored and an RBI while Eric Schanzenbacher drilled a solo home run to lead the Mounties offensively.

Upper Iowa (2-5, 0-0 NSIC) drew a pair of walks to open the game before Alex George plated both runners with a one-out double to left center field to take an early 2-0 lead. Mansfield (1-7, 0-0 PSAC East) starting pitcher Luke Hils retired the next two batters to end the half inning.

After the first inning, Hils settled in nicely. He allowed just four hits and three walks while striking out four in 6.0 innings of work.

The Mountaineer offense could not get much going through the first four innings, recording just two hits during that span. In the bottom of the fifth, Troy Wilson lined a two-out double down the left field line before Owen Lukens and Dave Glueck walked to load the bases. Hillson hit a ball on a frozen rope that was just snared by the Upper Iowa second baseman to end the threat.

In the bottom of the sixth, Westyn Baylor singled down the left field line with one out and moved over to second on a ground out. Jacob Molison walked before

With one out, Hannah Secord scored on a Bauder RBI single to bring Mansfield back within one run. However, it wouldn't be enough as Edinboro won 3-2.

Both Inman (3-1) and Kalet Lenart (1-0) pitched complete games. Inman picked up her first loss on the season as Lenart picked up her first win on the season.

In the nightcap, Mansfield went down early in the first inning 3-0 to Salem International, but the Mounties responded in the second inning. Amanda Goodwin put Mansfield on the board on a Melanie Taylor sacrifice fly to left field. Nikki Watkins and Rachael Sterner added two more runs on a two RBI Bauder double.

Mansfield went into the bottom of the second tied 3-3, but Salem International continued their hitting into the next five innings as the Mounties lost 7-3.

Chelsey Heatley (0-1) picked up the loss for Mansfield in the redshirt freshman's second appearance of the season. Katie Holestin (3-0) remained undefeated as she was credited with the win for Salem International.



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As a freshman, Hannah Secord was in 26 games, 25 of which she started as catcher.

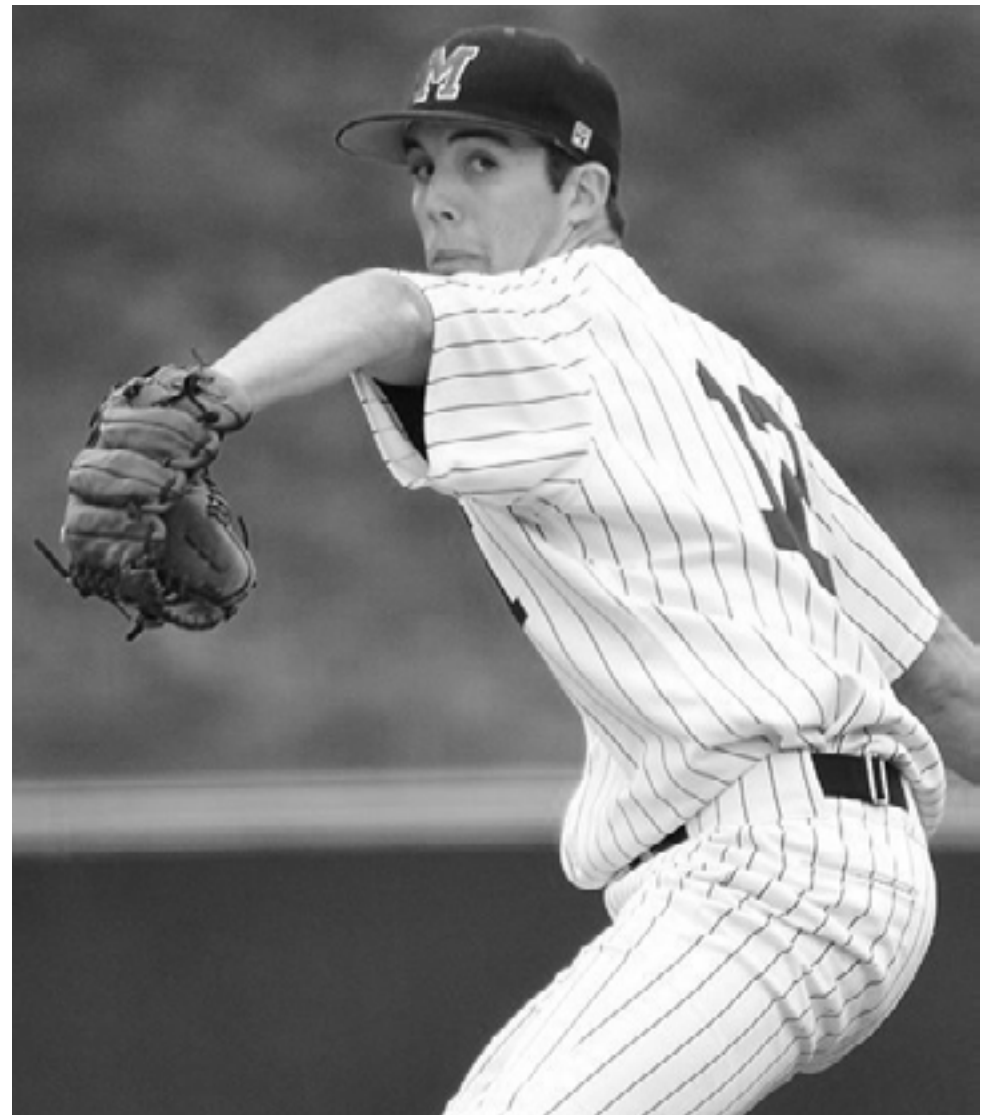


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Senior Jordan Boothe is majoring in graphic design.

Brittany Hansrote appointed field hockey head coach

Brittany Hansrote, a 2009 Mansfield University graduate and two-time All-American, was named the Mountaineer head field hockey coach in a press conference Tuesday afternoon at Decker Gymnasium.

"There's a great future ahead for the Mansfield University field hockey program and that great future starts today with Brittany" said Mountaineer Director of Athletics Deb Solfaro prior to introducing Hansrote at the press conference. "Brittany has excelled as a student-athlete, coach and recruiter and we are confident that history of success will continue here at Mansfield."

Hansrote, the first Mansfield alum to direct her alma mater, takes over a program that will celebrate its 100th year of field hockey this upcoming season. One of the oldest NCAA Division II programs in the country, Mansfield started playing field hockey in 1915.

"To be able to come back to Mansfield University is a feeling like no other" stated Hansrote. "I am confident that this program will reach new heights, because I am standing behind it, and I will do everything in my power to build it up and move it in the right direction"

Hansrote comes to Mansfield after a

one-year stint as the head coach at Division III DeSales University where she led the Bulldogs to a school record 11 wins and just the third Freedom Conference playoff berth in program history. A record six players were named to the All-Freedom Conference Team following the 2014 season.

Before taking over the head job at DeSales, Hansrote served as the assistant field hockey coach at Kutztown University during the 2013 season under former Mountaineer Marci (Lippert) Scheuing '05. Hansrote helped the Golden Bears to a seven win season in 2013 including three victories over nationally ranked opponents.

Hansrote came over to Kutztown with Scheuing from Division III Bryn Mawr College where she served as an assistant coach for one season. In 2012, the Owls recorded the most wins since 1998 and scored more goals than the previous six seasons combined. Bryn Mawr also placed two players on the All-Centennial Conference team for the first time in 13 years.

The Perkasio, Pa. native got her start in coaching in 2011 as an assistant with her alma mater of Pennridge High School. During her time at Pennridge, she directly

assisted the head coach with all varsity practice and game duties and was in charge during all junior varsity practices and games.

Along with her success at the collegiate and high school levels, Hansrote also coached prospective college athletes at the club field hockey level. She guided the U-14, U-16 and U-19 Mystx Field Hockey Club teams out of Feasterville, Pa. from 2011-14 before leading the U-14 and U-19 teams for the United Field Hockey Club of Downingtown, Pa. starting in 2014.

Hansrote, formerly used her maiden name Brittany Kostishion during her undergrad career, was a four-year starter at midfield for the Mountaineers from 2006-09 where she was a two-time All-American and three-time All-PSAC selection.

As a freshman she was a member of the Mountaineer's first-ever PSAC playoff team that was edged 3-2 by undefeated and No. 1 ranked Bloomsburg in the opening round of the PSAC playoffs. The Mountaineers were ranked as high as No. 9 in Division II that season.

Hansrote started all 18 games during her sophomore season on a team that finished with 11 wins, the most since 2001. Following the season, she was named to

2nd Team All-PSAC honors. She was also a member of a team that participated in an international field hockey tour to Barbados in 2007.

As a junior, she again made starts in all 18 games, scoring two goals and recording an assist. Hansrote was tabbed 2nd Team NFHCA and womensfieldhockey.com All-American honors along with 2nd Team All-PSAC.

In her senior season, Hansrote scored six goals and dished out seven assists in 17 starts. She totaled 51 shots that season with 24 going on goal. The midfielder racked up 1st Team NFHCA All-American, 2nd Team womensfieldhockey.com All-American, 1st Team All-PSAC, All-ECAC Division II and Team MVP honors following the 2009 season. She also represented Mansfield in the 2009 Division II Senior All-Star Game.

Hansrote graduated from Mansfield in 2009 with a degree in business administration with a focus in travel and tourism. She also holds a level 1 certification from the USA Field Hockey Umpiring Academy.

Following graduation, Hansrote served as an intern at the 2009 BDO Junior Field Hockey World Cup in Boston.

Mounties fall to Bloomsburg in PSAC opener

Mansfield baseball dropped both ends of its PSAC East-opening doubleheader against Bloomsburg on March 13 at the Dinwiddie Sports Complex in Virginia, falling 9-3 in the opener and 6-3 in the nightcap.

Westyn Baylor led the Mountaineers offensively in the doubleheader, going 4-for-7 at the dish with a home run, three RBIs and a walk.

In the opener, both sides got runners on with hits through the first and second innings, but were unable to push home a run. In the top of the third with one out, Eric Schanzenbacher reached after being hit by a pitch before Baylor stroked the first pitch he saw over the fence in right field to score a pair of runs. Anthony Renz made it back-to-back opposite field homers to put Mansfield (1-9, 0-2 PSAC East) out in front 3-0.

In the bottom of the fourth, Bloomsburg's (3-2, 2-0 PSAC East) Damin Muth went opposite field as well with a two-run homer to cut the Huskies' deficit to 3-2. An Eric Frain RBI single in the fifth evened the score before Joey Casselberry hit a three run blast to right to give Bloomsburg the 6-3 lead.

The Huskies added three more runs in the sixth inning.

Tyler Hill earned the win after allowing six hits and three earned runs in 5.0 innings with five Ks. Cody Hearne picked up the save. Matt Engler was hit with the loss for

MU.

In the nightcap, Mansfield put runners on base in the first and second to no avail. The Huskies got on the board first with Frain's two-run round-tripper in the bottom of the third.

In the top of the sixth, Taylor Hillson started off the inning by reaching on a throwing error, before Schanzenbacher placed and RBI double just out of reach of the left fielder to bring in the Mounties' first run. Walks by Baylor and Jacob Molison loaded the bases. Owen Lukens drew a two-out walk to bring in another run to knot the game at 2-2. Bloomsburg wouldn't allow any more damage to be done in the inning, forcing the final out to end the threat.

The wheels fell off for Mansfield in the bottom of the sixth however as the Huskies capitalized on three errant plays and a controversial call at third to hang four runs and jump out to a sizeable lead.

Mansfield scored a run in the top of the seventh when Baylor drove in Dave Glueck, who reached on a lead-off single, but the comeback effort would fall short.

Alex Carpenter earned the win in relief while Cody Heane added another save. Matt Zielen had a solid outing for the Mounties, allowing just two earned runs on two hits while striking out six in 5.0 innings.

March's Athlete of the Month



Hannah Secord

Hannah is a sophomore Elementary Education major from Johnson City, New York. This is her second year playing softball for Mansfield. She plays as a catcher for the Mounties. In the 2014 season she was a PSAC Scholar-Athlete, appearing in 26 games and starting 25 of those games as catcher. She finished off the season with a .977 fielding percentage, the third best fielding percentage for the team.

Field hockey named NFHCA Academic Team

By HEATHER RITTER
Sports Editor

Sixteen Mountaineer field hockey girls were named to an all-academic squad on March 23. Three girls were given the prestigious title of Scholars of Distinction.

Mansfield’s field hockey team accumulated the third highest GPA out of the 29 Division II teams. This great accomplishment earned them the 2014 Gladiator by SGI/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (known as NFHCA) Academic Team honors.

The NFHCA is a non-profit organization for field hockey coaches and fans of the game across the nation. On its website it states that its mission is to “stimulate the professional development of coaching leadership within the sport of field hockey. “ As well, the NFHCA “strives to cultivate and recognize the professional contributions of its membership,” which includes the high GPA earned by the team.

The team’s GPA was 3.49. Mansfield was one of 11 PSAC teams to earn the Academic Team recognition.

Rebecca Adams, Emily Blidy, Julie Cacace, Mallory Christman, Nikita Grove,



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Mountaineer head field hockey coach Diane Monkiewicz retired this year after a season with 3 wins and 15 losses. Kayla Grunza, Brianna Hathaway, Laura Lawson, Katie Lipski, Tori Malatesta, Sabrina Shrawder, Gabrielle Spatz, Haley Stevens, Jessi Swingle, Chelsea Tanco and Avery Yoder were named to the squad. They earned a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher in the fall semester of the 2014-215 academic year. This is the fourth time that Grove, Grunza, and Swingle receive this honor. Three girls also earned a spot on the NFHCA Scholars of Distinction list for earning a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher in the fall semester of the 2014-15 academic year. Cacace, Hathaway, and Lawson all received this honor, Hathaway and Lawson earning it for the second year in a row. They were three of only 41 students to be named a Scholar of Distinction.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
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3 -Men’s track at Colonial Relays -Women’s track at the College of William & Mary -Softball at East Stroudsburg Uni @ 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. -Baseball at West Chester Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m. p.m.	4 -Men’s track at Colonial Relays -Women’s track at the College of William & Mary -Softball at Shippensburg Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball at West Chester Uni 1 & 3 p.m.	5	6	7 -Softball v. West Chester Uni @ 2 & 4 p.m. -Baseball at Slippery Rock @ 1 & 3 p.m.	8	9

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Mansfield University will open a new Palm Hall in summer of 2015



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April Fools!! Mansfield University will not be opening a Palm Hall in 2015.

By **LORI ENGLE**
MIRANDA SHULLER
Summer Loving Editors

Mansfield University will open its very first Palm Hall in summer of 2015.

Mansfield University officials have released a statement that they will be opening up Mansfield University's first Palm Hall in the Summer of 2015.

Palm Hall will be replacing Straughn Hall. Did you wonder why the renovations were taking so long? Well, this is why. Construction of the pools taking awhile because the administration does not want to draw suspicion from the student body.

Palm Hall's pools are made for specific students. There are to be three swimming pools of varying sizes. There will be one pool for the Freshmen and one for the Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. The last pool will be for Super Seniors and the Faculty that

seemed to be stuck here forever. They have a rough life, obviously.

The smallest swimming pool will be for the Freshmen. This pool will be three feet deep, or just shallow enough that the small freshmen can reach the bottom. There will be lifeguards on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, because, well, these tiny humans can not be trusted not to do something silly like dive in the small pool and drown.

The second pool starts from four feet and declines to a deeper five feet depth. This is the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior pool. This pool contains the Twirling Slide of Doom. The slide takes a whole four minutes to descend into the pool. It begins with a long step ladder, then when the traffic light at the top turns green you step into the slide. You are then whisked upward and around, and shot through the air into another slide that catches you and takes you around

in circles until it stops you, and you're waiting and waiting until... SPLASH! it drops you so many feet into the pool. No one is sure what happens if you do not make the jump from the first part of the slide into the second. Probably not a good idea to find out either.

The third pool is for the Super Seniors and Faculty. This one will have an attached hot too, so that the tired and overworked older folks will be able to relax and enjoy the steamy hot water with lavender scents. The rest of the pool will be heated and range from five to nine feet with the slanted floor. There will be two dive boards, and another swirly water slide as well with lifeguards from Baywatch to keep anyone company.

The roof will be a sun roof, letting sunlight in through 100 or more windows. This is so everyone can bask in the sun all day long without the exposure to the awful, cancer causing UV Rays. But they can still get tan and be cool in the

air conditioning.

Palm Hall gets its name from the palm trees set up throughout the hall and outside of it. There will be waiters and waitresses waiting to bring you fruity drinks in coconuts with fun miniature umbrella stirrers.

If you are not convinced this is the best addition to campus yet, just wait. Mansfield wants you to be relaxed and will be providing fifty-six people who are trained, professional masseuses. They will be spread out among the hall at all hours of the day just for your use during the school year.

Palm Hall will have classes pertaining to drink making, Hula Dance, How to not get burnt, and many others!

Registration for Palm Hall Summer 2015 opens up April 1, 2015.

For more information visit <http://www.mansfield.edu/april-fools-2015.cfm> or email April @ foolsa1@mounties.mansfield.edu.

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Mansfield University Student's Service Project Helps Home and Afar

With the theme of "Together, We Can Make a Difference," dedicated Mansfield University students, led by senior Project Director Jason White, are collecting clothing, arts and crafts items, and an array of children's toys for disadvantaged citizens of El Salvador and Tioga County for their Collection Collaboration Campaign.

"The idea for this project came from my Eagle Scout Project with the Boy Scouts of America in 1999," White said. "For that project, I set up cardboard boxes as collection centers in local businesses and churches in the area of Troy, Pennsylvania."

White also explained "with the assistance of friends and family members, I collected 375 coats, 50 pairs of boots, and 123 pairs of mittens and gloves, which I then donated to the Salvation Army and the Bridge at the Sayre Baptist Church."

A Northern Tier native,

the connection to El Salvador and the Village of San Rafael Tasajera is also personal for White. Daniel Teodoro, a 2014 Mansfield University graduate, has done extensive work to help the people of this impoverished island village in his home country through his non-profit EMANA, which means "energia humana" or "human energy." White travelled to San Rafael Tasajera with Teodoro last summer.

"San Rafael Tasajera is home for more than 1,800 people who suffer from a lack of basic education, income, and access to clean water," White said.

"EMANA works alongside community members to address their needs and to develop creative sustainable solutions."

"This is my last semester as a student at Mansfield University, and I see this project as my last opportunity to make a significant, positive contribution as a student working with fellow students," he added.



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Jason White traveled to the Village of San Rafael Tasajera.



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Jason White traveled to the Village of San Rafael Tasajera.

"I want use this project to give socially conscious, philanthropic individuals a chance to be part of an in-depth project that includes an international team dedicated to helping people in the United States and El Salvador."

Mansfield Public Relations Director Dennis Miller made Teodoro's work in San Rafael Tasajera the subject of his latest Huffington Post blog, which can be seen at huffingtonpost.com/dennis-miller/boy-saves-island-in-a-mos_b_6898862.html

Donations are being collected now up until April 17 at the First Citizens Community Bank offices in Mansfield and Troy and also at the Mountie Den Campus Bookstore in Alumni Hall at Mansfield University.

Warm weather clothing can include shirts, shorts, pants, skirts for adults and children and baby clothes. Also arts and crafts,

children's toys and books are being accepted. These items will be donated to villagers in San Rafael Tasajera.

Cold weather clothing being sought are coats, boots, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. These items will be distributed to local charities here in Tioga County.


Mansfield students will volunteer to sort through and package the donations as part of the University's community service day, also known as "The Big Event," on April 18.

For more information, or to make a large donation, contact White at whiteja03@mounties.mansfield.edu or call Mansfield University Community Conduct Officer and Service Coordinator Frank Crofchick at (570) 662-4981.

To learn more, go to emanaelsalvador.org/ccs or facebook.com/EmanaCCC.

Weekly Weather


Friday



Rain

High:58 Low:33


Saturday



Rain

High:44 Low:28


Sunday



Sunny

High:46 Low:32


Monday



Cloudy

High:52 Low:36


Tuesday



Rain

High:53 Low:43


Wednesday



Cloudy

High:51 Low:36

Thursday



Rain

High:51 Low:35

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Music Department Office. Canned items, cereals, pasta, soups, sauces, etc., will be collected through the month of March and donated to the Mansfield Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Mansfield University Double Reed Society.

- Student bus trip tickets to Washington, D.C. for the Saturday, April 4, 2015 trip are now on sale at the Campus Bookstore (Mountie Den) daily Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The student ticket price for a round trip coach bus ride to Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 4, 2015 is only \$15 and that includes all handling fees. The bus will leave campus at 6:30 a.m. from in front of Laurel Hall and will leave the Lincoln Memorial area at 8:00 p.m. The bus will make one rest stop each way at a fast food restaurant. Presented by the Student Activities Office. Funded by Student Activity Fees.

- Sadly, there is no Police Beat this week due to Mansfield University students being on their best behavior. There is also no World News this week due to the photo that was given to us below. Enjoy the lovely photo and get ready for that Spring weather!! Don't forget your rain coats though, because it looks as though it will also rain.

- A PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union) Cap & Gown Promotion will begin on Monday, March 16, 2015 and run until April 24, 2015. Informational posters are around campus and in the Mountie Den. PSECU members who are graduating in May 2015 can go to the PSECU Office and get a voucher to cover the cost, \$28.06, of a cap and gown (first come, first served until vouchers are gone). A valid Mansfield University ID, Driver's License or State ID and verification of your PSECU Account is required. This amount does not provide for the hood that goes with the cap & gown. Students will have to pay for the hood separately. Any graduating senior who is not a PSECU member is eligible to join PSECU during the promotion dates in order to take advantage of this offer. Membership in PSECU is free. Stop into the PSECU office located in Lower Manser Hall for further details.

- Bring a non-perishable food item to be placed in the collection boxes located in the Steadman Theatre Lobby and outside Butler Room 108,

A photograph showing two young men relaxing in red and black hammocks strung between large trees in an outdoor courtyard. In the background, there is a red brick building with a set of stairs leading up to it. The ground is covered with dry grass and some low-lying plants.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAN MASON

Freshmen Masen Wagner, nursing major, and Wylie Green' business major, spent part of April Fools Day "hammocking" in the South Hall Mall. "It's our way of welcoming spring, Wagner said.

Political Science Students Present at State Meeting

Mansfield University Political Science majors Ariel Faber, Colton Long, and Jason White presented papers at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association (PPSA), held at Temple University in Philadelphia on March 20-21.

The trio were accompanied by Associate Professor Jeffrey Bosworth and Assistant Professor Jonathan Rothermel, who also participated in the meeting.

In her paper, "Is Turkey Becoming the New Russia?," Faber (Mansfield, Pennsylvania) drew similarities between Russia and Turkey, which has increased censorship of the press in recent years. Turkey, which has enjoyed a reputation as a secular, Muslim democracy, is increasingly headed down the path of authoritarianism, she argued.

Long (Warrington, Pennsylvania) incorporated field research, including interviews, he had gathered during a study abroad trip to Belize last summer to argue that systemic corruption threatens Belizean democracy. In his paper, "A Hundred Dollars and a Bottle of Rum: The Role of

Corruption in Modern Day Belizean Politics," Long offered recommendations to improve democracy in Belize.

White (Mansfield, Pennsylvania), who had also been impacted by his study abroad experience in Belize, explored the topic of ecotourism. In his paper, "Ecotourism in Belize: Who Benefits?," White sought to identify the winners and losers of tourism in Belize, especially in light of an increasing volume of cruise ship tourists. He argued that more Belizeans benefit from overnight tourists rather than cruise ship tourists.

Bosworth and Rothermel participated in a roundtable discussion entitled, "Globalizing the Classroom: Ecotourism in Central America," where they shared their experiences organizing a short-term, study abroad to Belize last summer.

Bosworth also presented a paper on Chilean politics, "Curing the Authoritarian Hangover in Chile: An Assessment of the Diminished Authoritarian Legacy."

Rothermel was a discussant and chair for an undergraduate panel on international

relations.

This is the fourth straight year that Bosworth and Rothermel have accompanied undergraduates to the annual conference.

"Not only does this annual conference give our students the opportunity to showcase their research, but it helps to expose them to academic and professional networks," Rothermel said. "Furthermore, it builds their confidence and gets them excited about research."

To learn more about studying Political Science at Mansfield University, go to mansfield.edu/political-science



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TERRY DAY

(L-R) Jason White, Ariel Faber, Colton Long

Social Work Students Organize for Advocacy Day

Mansfield University Social Work students are organizing a bus trip to the State Capital in Harrisburg for the 2015 Legislative Advocacy Day on Tuesday, April 14.

The bus is free and registration is open to all students. The bus will depart from campus at 6 a.m.

Advocacy Day gives students and faculty the opportunity to advocate and talk to their elected representatives.

Of particular interest to the Social Work students will be a rally in the Capital Rotunda to fight for the practice protection and adding

diagnosis to the scope of practice for Licensed Clinical Social Workers.

The day will also include legislative process overview and talking points, committee meetings and legislative visits.

For more information or to register, email doroshle03@mounties.mansfield.edu

The Mansfield University effort is supported by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

State Farm stops by Mansfield University

By Anthony Wilcox

Staff Writer

In light of receiving information about cover letters, I had the opportunity to interview Peter Wenzel from State Farm Insurance. Peter has been working with State Farm for 15 years and has been with them his entire professional career. He is a Mansfield Alumni that graduated in the class of 2001. Peter is a service manager with State Farm and he oversees employees that develop software for the agency. He is always pursuing the betterment of State Farm and is always looking for trained web developers. Even if you are not interested in web development, Peter informed me that State Farm employs a wide range of majors.

In addition to enjoying his field of work, he also noted that State Farm has great job security. In a time when the economy is always fluctuating, job security should always be in the back of our minds. Interpersonal development is also important to Peter's career because he has to collaborate with coworkers and employees on a daily basis.

I then asked Peter about what he looks for in a cover letter and resume. Much to my surprise, he told me that he doesn't come across many cover letters. "Cover letters are rare". When I asked him about some things

that make a possible employee stand out he mentioned, "It's always good when candidates call out the position they are pursuing, have the qualities to fit the job, and show interest in the company or position". Being relatable in an interview is always a positive along with asking the interviewer questions about the company.

Peter and other State Farm representatives were conducting mock interviews on March 25th at the Career Center for any student who would like to be critiqued or have an interest in pursuing a job with state farm. They have been here many times before and will also be returning in the future. He urges everyone to come in and participate in the mock interviews because they are beneficial. He also told me that he enjoys coming back to Mansfield because students here "work hard, are dedicated, and show loyalty".

On behalf of the Career Center, I would like to thank Peter and the other State Farm representatives for offering this opportunity to the students right here at Mansfield University. Be sure to keep an eye out for when State Farm returns next semester and be sure to set up a mock interview appointment at the Career Center!

Want to build your resume and have a fun time doing it? Do you love journalism? Join the Flashlight! You don't have to be a communication major either! Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

SGA holds last meeting for this year's e-board

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) Treasurer Alex Bock motioned to table the budgets for further discussion next week.

The motion passed and the student organization budgets will be discussed next week. Currently, a total amount \$227,000 will go towards all the student organizations on campus.

If any organization did not get funding for next year, or missed the appeals/budget deadlines, they can request funding at the beginning of the next academic year.

If you have any questions or concerns you may stop by the SGA office at 203 Alumni Hall Student Center.

There will be a sign-up sheet for Laser Tag at Spring Fling on the SGA door. The sign-up sheet will be up Saturday, April 4.

Admissions will be paying \$10 for each accepted student to go to Spring Fling, as Spring Fling will fall on the same day as Accepted Student Day.

The beer tent for Spring Fling is still pending based on the approval of Sudexo and Mansfield University.

Past Tuesday’s meeting will be the last full meeting for the e-board. Next meeting the new President and Vice President will be sworn into office.

Any House Representative may stay on the board for the rest of the semester until a new representative is chosen from the House.

The Big Event is coming up soon, please inquire with Frank Crofchick about the event if you have any questions or comments. Also the Mural Project is still underway.

SGA also reminded the audience that the first RED Friday is this week on April 3. RED stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. The event calls for participants to wear red in honor of American troops.

This Friday, SGA will have the entire campus show their support by wearing red. And they are having a photo taken on the football field of all the students, faculty and staff that come out to support via the Geography department’s drone helicopter. Wearing the color red will also show school pride and support of our University. There will be free T-shirts and food at the football field on April 3.

This is a collaborated effort between SGA and one of Mansfield’s students, Cecil Cooper.



The Flashlight needs writers like you!

Send your story ideas and articles to flashlit@mansfield.edu.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3 - 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. RED Friday - 9 p.m. Friday Night Movies at The Hut	4 - 6 p.m. MISO Paci- fica Spring Festival	5	6 - 8:00 p.m. Monday Night Recreation Game Night at The Hut	7 - 8:00 p.m. United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	8 - 7:00 p.m. Com- municating Science Though Data Visual- ization - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Open Mic Night at The Hut	9 - 11:30 a.m. Civil War Speaker Series: Bill Robertson - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Live Entertainment at The Hut
10 - 2:30 p.m. Tie Dye for Sustainability - 7:00 p.m. Chasing Ice - free movie pre- sentation - 9:00 Friday Night Movie Night at the Hut	11 - 7:30 p.m. Major Work Concert: A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms	12 - 2:30 p.m. Major Work Concert: A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms	13 - 8:00 p.m. Monday Night Recreation Game Night at The Hut	14 - 8:00 p.m. United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 8:55 p.m. weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	15 - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Open Mic Night at The Hut	16 - 11:30 a.m. Employer on Campus: South Mountain Secure Treatment Unit - 7:00 p.m. free pre- sentation: Something's In The Air - But What and How Much?



NOW HIRING PEER MENTORING PEER TUTORING SUMMER 2015 PAID POSITIONS

The 2015 Summer Gateway Program is now accepting applications for PEER MENTORS and PEER TUTORS. Applications must be a current MU student in good academic standings. Applicants will go through an interview process. Hired students will live on campus this summer with incoming freshmen. Applicants must:

- Be responsible, patient, and flexible
- Motivate, inspire, and lead by example
- Provide guidance and constructive feedback
- Listen, support and value opinions
- Respect diversity

Any questions please contact Vickie Sax at vsax@mansfield.edu

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**APPLICATIONS ARE
DUE
BY FRIDAY, April 3rd**

Pick up and submit
applications in South Hall
Room 144

Film Review: Spring

By EVAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Spring by directors Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead, was one of the numerous films to be released at the 2014 Toronto International Film Festival.

It has just been released to limited screens as well as video on demand and is not your typical art house film. It is a combination of romance, horror, and science fiction. This doesn't happen too much in art house films, but it has been done before in films, and it usually ends up the same in the end when it comes to the storyline. When these types of genres are combined, there aren't too many places that the writer can take the storyline and it is usually taken to the same place. That stays true for this film and its storyline.

The film begins with the main character, Evan, realizing that his life is like a bad movie. His entire family is dead, he is very recently unemployed, and he is being sought after by the police as a result of a barroom ass-kicking he delivered to some annoying tool that failed in trying to prove his masculinity.

On a whim, Evan decides to escape to Italy. To escape from his dead-end life and literally escape from the cops. Once there, he meets a couple of hilarious guys from the Britain and/or Wales (it's never completely clear where they are from), they are stereotypical party animals. They do a great job providing comic relief and manage to talk Evan into going with them on a road trip down the coast, he agrees and that's where he meets the beautiful mysterious woman with a dark secret. The two of them begin a relationship of-sorts, and that's where the film starts to become cliché due to the mixing genres of horror and romance.

Despite the stale storyline, the acting by the two leads was pretty good. Lou Taylor Pucci did a fairly good job playing Evan, an unemployed college graduate that is wandering through life and escaping his problems in any way that he can. Nadia Hilker did an equally good job playing the mysterious beauty that enchants Evan and who holds a dark deadly secret. By the way, here name is eventually revealed to be Louise, but that's not a spoiler or anything. The acting was nothing to write home about, but it was good enough to mention these two basically unknown actors.

The two directors of the film are relatively new to the job and it is obvious. The acting might have been better with better direction, but that's only an assumption. Now, I'm not

saying that the directors are bad. It's just that it is clear that they are independent film directors and not Martin Scorsese or David Fincher. They do the best with what talent and money they have. However, I will say that the cinematography was the best part of the film. It did a really good job catching the Italian landscape, so much so that the setting almost became another character. The dark lighting, even on the brightest of days, helped the cinematography be even better.

The film's score is also worth mentioning. It is able to switch between light and dark sounds when appropriate. It helps keep the film's mood when the directors fail to do so with their direction. It stood out to me as a close tie for the best thing about the film, but the cinematography is still better.

The worst part was not the actors, directors, or even the score. The special effects were hands down the worst part of the movie. It is understandable due to the film's low budget, but some of the best special effects in film history have been done without the aid of CGI. The film seemed to depend on the use of CGI too much when a good makeup artist would have done a better job. At times, I felt like I was watching a bad direct-DVD sci-fi film from the early 2000s. But, the CGI wasn't bad enough that it took away from the film.

Like I said, the film has some obvious flaws and it could have been better than it was. But, I still think that the film is worth seeing because of the cinematography I mentioned. Also, it is a good change of pace from the films that have come out recently.

It isn't as easy to find to watch as some other films and I wouldn't go out of my way to do so, but if you get a chance, give it a watch. It does a better job at recycling a romance/horror film premise than some other films have done in the past.




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Spring has a 3.8/5 rating on RottenTomatoes.com

Recipe Column: Chicken-a-la-Mic

By MIRANDA SHULLER
Features Editor

This week's recipe is dedicated to all the healthy or busy college students.

I know when you come back from a sports practice, the gym or anything that makes you tired-including long classes with professors that read slides, you are hungry and maybe too lazy to go to Manser and you don't have the Flex for Einsteins.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if you had a quick and easy meal in your dorm that's both cheap and easy? Well, here are a few purchase suggestions. Cod fish or grilled chicken, which can be found in the freezer section of Walmart or a local grocery store, with Uncle Ben's Ready Rice, and microwavable broccoli.

Add a little old bay and lemon juice to the fish for some flavor. A good rice to eat is brown rice, but Uncle Ben's has a lot of different options to choose from and they only take 90 seconds in the microwave! Personally, I like the rice pilaf.

By mixing the rice, broccoli and chicken together, you get a healthier version of the Chicken, Cheddar, and Broccoli bowl at Sandella's in Lower Manser. Of course, that doesn't include the Brazilian sauce and cheddar cheese in our homemade version, but you can add it, if you so desire.

I hope you get some relaxation after a long day, but mostly, while eating this delicious meal, enjoy!

Word of the Week:

Polymathy

noun \Puh-Lim-uh-thee\

1. Knowledge in my fields, encyclopedic knowledge

Quote of the Week:

"If you want something done right, you've got to do it yourself."

-*Little Mermaid's* Sebastian

Lyric of the Week:

"It took all the strength I had not to fall apart. Kept trying hard to mend the pieces of my broken heart. And I spent oh so many nights just feeling sorry for myself. I used to cry now I hold my head up high."

- Gloria Gaynor

Fact of the Week:

Istanbul has a vending machine that takes recycled plastic bottles and releases food and water for stray dogs in the city.

TV Review: The Walking Dead Season Five Part Two

By EVAN JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The Walking Dead season five has once again defied my expectations.

When it comes to the zombie sub-genre of horror, it is usually the same when it comes to the topic of plot. That's why there hasn't been a good zombie movie in a very long time. However, The Walking Dead has proved that zombies are restricted to film. It actually seems like zombies may be meant for television now in this day and age, instead of the silver screen.

Also, The Walking Dead, since the first season, has managed to make zombies not only part of the horror/suspense genre but also part of the drama genre. Sometimes, the drama is more impressive than horror and suspense on The Walking Dead.

The fifth season, especially the second part, has shown the length Rick's group will go to in order to survive. I honestly thought that this season would be weak because I wasn't sure where they would take the storyline, unless they stuck to the comics as the show eventually did.

But, the storyline in this season eventually became one of the most engrossing out of all of the storylines. To be honest, in The Walking

Dead Comics the Alexandria storyline is one of my favorites and the same can now be said about the show.

Just like in comics, the Alexandria storyline manages to bring in some drama. From love storylines to vying for power, the drama in the comics is all over the place but very welcome. It is very realistic to see humans still have to deal with the drama of dealing with other humans and their emotions, even in the face of a zombie apocalypse. Five seasons in, this is still very good to see in The Walking Dead.

The first part of the season showed Rick's group deal with The Hunters with great satisfaction to each member of Rick's group and almost an equal amount of satisfaction from the viewers of the show. But, the second part of the season deals with the loss of members of the group, the idea that they need some type of goal to strive for, and the cost of living comfortably in the new zombie-filled world.

There are other storylines, like the mysterious "W" being carved into various zombies' heads and the fate of Morgan that are not as incredible as Alexandria's. The reason for this, besides the drama, is because it shows the psyche of Rick and his group. Each member deals with it in their own way.

Some members welcome the community with open arms, others seem to need to get out of the community to satisfy their need to just kill something, and others (this is the most common reaction) is to show reluctance in trusting the new community but also to show their clear desire to live there.

No spoilers, but the end of the season did a great job at showing Rick's transformation since the prison and his ability to make others trust his judgement as well as believe in him to keep them safe. The ending of this season, to me, had a speech (that literally gave me goosebumps) and that was just as if not more pivotal than Rick's "not a democracy anymore" speech at the end of season two. It showed how Rick has once again changed for the better and is not changing back.

Before I finish, I also have to mention two other things about this season. First, the score for this season at first seemed to be recycling the score from the other seasons, but it managed to redeem itself in the last couple episodes of this season.

The score seemed to be not completely new because it still had the same dreadful feeling, but this score just sounded different. Mainly the score changed in suspenseful or important parts of the show, the tender music in emotional scenes stayed the same as it had

been for the past couple seasons.

The second thing I have to mention is the talent of the actors in the show. From the show's veterans like Andrew Lincoln and Norman Reedus to the new actors like Alexandra Breckinridge and Tovah Feldshuh, every actor in the show was at the top of their game. From saying their lines to expressing their emotions, it was all just exceptional and emotionally moving.

The actors most likely won't be nominated for any Emmy awards because of the fact that it is a zombie show, but I will definitely not forget their exceptional acting.

To finish, The Walking Dead does a great job at showing the effects that the new dead world has not only on us physically, but also mentally. This factor is the most obvious in the season finale of season five, which in my opinion is the best season finale of all of the seasons from the entire series so far.

The entire fifth season, especially the second part, took me by complete surprise and helped to express the writing talent behind the show. Also, the second part of season five all seemed to be leading to those unforgettable last few minutes of the season five finale.

In short, to sum the second part of the fifth season in one word, I have to say: superlative.



Walking Dead tagline for season 5 is "Hunt or Be Hunted."

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Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life Issue One Through Eight Recap

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

In the previous issues of Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic life, the story switches between the point of views of Daisy and Daniel. It begins with Daisy’s point of view, discussing the 16-year-old’s life as a successful bakery owner who found her parents murdered at her home. Daisy could find no reason for the horrible tragedy that took place in her home. She only had her brother to lean on from that point on. A week after the murder, Daisy and Daniel were asleep in their rooms when they heard a commotion downstairs. They walked down to see what happened when the room flashed bright and Daniel woke up in an empty house with his head bleeding and Daisy kidnapped. Daniel travelled to the police station to talk with Officer Bubble about the incident. He was no help, he did not know anything more than what Daniel knew. While Daniel

walked home in the rain, he thought about how normal of a life he wanted-he was going to be a doctor some day. While travelling home, Daniel saw a tall man dressed in black, who seemed to vanish as fast as he appeared. The following installment followed Daisy into what appeared to be an interrogation room. She was tied to a chair so she could only listen to the men outside the door discussing how Daisy had killed one of the bad guys and Daniel was still at home. There was a gun shot, and then a door opening. For a break in the tension, we switched to Officer Holderman’s point of view. He was stressing over the murder and kidnapping, so much so that he had remained at the station over night. He fell asleep at his desk and woke up to siren’s and alarms blarring. There was a fire and Officer Holderman was in trouble. Due to the smoke in his lungs, he was rushed to the hospital. Daniel picked up the next installment by finding a note on the bottom of his shoe.

He was to meet the kidnappers to trade off for Daisy. Daniel went back to the police station to give the note to the police, but found the station right after they put the fire out. Daniel climbs into a window and looks through cabinets for information about JDU. After gaining all the information that he needed, the “fearless” boy went to the abandoned shipyard, where he was then hit in the back of the head and kidnapped as well. Daisy told the next issue. She was stuck in a room all alone. The muscles of the whole operation came in to make sure Daisy was still alive. They got into a conversation about how Daisy was someone’s “reparation,” or payback. Daisy asked him what he meant, but he said that he could not answer the question. The muscles turned and walked out of the room shutting the door behind him. Daisy heard people talking outside her room about a fire, paramedics, and how they failed to kill someone. Muscles came back into the room and grabbed Daisy dragging her into

a different room. He threw Daisy down and walked out. In the room, was Daniel. Daniel awoke for the next issue. The issue was filled with massive fighting that left Daisy and Daniel in pain. Daniel noticed he still held onto his phone. Though the screen was broken, the phone still worked but it didn’t have service. Daisy noticed a vent which she then decided to crawl into to find service on Daniel’s phone. Moments later, Daisy opened the door to the room giving them a chance to escape. Daisy and Daniel left the room as the alarm went off. They hid under a desk looking for a way out. Daisy took control of the last printed issue. She distracted a man while Daniel snuck out to a parking garage with keys that Daisy had found. They managed to get away, but got pulled over by Officer Bubbles. After a short conversation with Officer Bubbles, Daisy and Daniel felt very safe. Safe until someone shot Officer Bubbles killing him instantly. They turned to see who it was and...

The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life

By **HEATHER RITTER**
Sports Editor

JDU

There are many worlds on this planet. The world of literature. The art world. The music world. The world of the poor, of the destitute, of the dependent, and, of course, my world—the underground world. I’ve been involved in everything. You name it? I’ve done it. I was never given much more chance to be anything more than a common thief, but as I got older, I schooled myself. I learned. Libraries are public, right? Open for free, the best tool in the world. I learned everything myself. I became more than a common thief. I became an emperor of my surroundings. I taught myself mathematics, sciences, economics, politics, languages—I can speak five. It’s a true shame that people like me can’t get out of the mud we are born into. I would have made a fine professor. I probably could have made some kind of invention. A scientific discovery. The cure for cancer, maybe? Or perhaps, just a diplomatic gain. I could have bargained with ISIS, or chatted with Putin. I could have done a lot of things. But like I said, I was born here. I was born in filth, and filth is where I made my kingdom come to life. My people cower in my presence. They “Yes, sir!” and “No, sir!” me to my heart’s content. I didn’t need years of college or

training in the army to earn that respect. I made that respect with these two hands. Calloused, scarred hands that have done things you couldn’t even dream of. I built this empire, this entire operation from the ground up, right beneath your noses. I did it all. And guess what? It was easy. The kicker? I’m old now. I’m washed up. In my world, the life expectancy isn’t very high—for good reason. At forty-five I’m a patriarch of my community. I feel it, too. I feel the tension stirring and younger ones, as I relive my past achievements, no longer look to me in awe. Their gaze is hungry. They can do better, they think. Maybe they can. But there’s no reason why I can’t remind them who’s boss. I stood with my pistol raised at Daisy and Daniel. Twins. I smiled. It was good. Two lives instead of one, but easier to keep track of than regular siblings. Twins have this special bond. They live in one another, they feel the other so deeply that they rarely stand to be separated. I should know, since at one point, a long time ago, I was a twin. That doesn’t matter. What does matter was now I had them. I had their spawn. The boy and girl, successful, handsome, afraid, and mine. They stood before me with their hands clasped, a sweet gesture. Just like when I first saw them. They couldn’t have been more than two then. Daisy was as bald as Daniel. They were tiny balls of joy that giggled and cooed back and forth in a secret language. Meredith often brought them by the shop in their

double stroller. I said hello to them as I fixed Meredith’s monolithic tower and cleaned off her sticky monitor. She would smile and explain that the moment she turned her back, the two of them attacked the computer. One time, Daniel managed to lodge his binky in the headphone jack. How, I have no idea. But Meredith was so sweet when she smile and laughed. Her eyes were bright, as bright as Daisy’s are now as she watches my finger caress the trigger. I worked at that computer place for three years, and Meredith made monthly visits. I watched her grow round with the twins and then carry them at her side. I watched her, and I watched David with his arm around her when he came down with her on the weekends. The computer job was just a front. I smuggled everything I could through the basement at night or through old hard drives (sometimes even in floppy disks). It was more of an outpost, but some of the locals came with real business. A broken monitor, a pushed in power button. Little things, usually, things that I knew how to fix from years of tinkering on my own devices. So I operated two businesses at once, and was able to drive around my brand new Mustang on the weekends. David and Meredith were my two most loyal customers. And Meredith won over my heart. She was perfect. The epitome of everything I had ever wanted in a woman. Her

looks were beyond words, her figure slender and her eyes gentle and slightly upturned. Her dimples were deep valleys along her full lips. A spray of freckles covered her nose and cheeks. Her hair never had a curl out of line. Her voice was melodic and rocked me like a lullaby with each syllable she spoke. She was even a good mother—from what I saw, Daniel and Daisy were loved with every atom of her being. Those babies, that ring, and the arm around her waist barred me from even having the most meager of chances with her. I hated her for that. I hated David more. And I hated the twins the most. When the business began failing, I shut it down and moved onto the building we have today, a warehouse. It was less conspicuous and I had to deal with people less, which I favored above all else. My heart still burned for Meredith with each breath I took. It was years before I tried to tell her how I really felt. I sent letters and flowers to her office. She didn’t seem flattered. I watched her leave work every evening looking over her shoulder, her brow furrowed. I sent more letters. David began to pick her up from work. And then the opportunity presented itself and I really showed her how much I loved her. I loved her so much that no one else could love her. Not even David. And today, not even Daisy and Daniel. I smiled. “Tell Meredith that I love her.”

Mansfield Celebrates 20th Season at Lutes Field

Eric Schanzenbacher doubled to lead off the 14th inning and later scored the winning run after a single by Wes Baylor while Zach Sacoman threw eight innings of stellar relief to lead Mansfield to a remarkable 7-6 extra-innings win over Kutztown in the nightcap of a PSAC East doubleheader Monday afternoon.

Kutztown won the opener 5-2.

The extra-inning was the longest extra-innings game Mansfield has played in at least the last 30 years and snapped a seven game losing-skid by the Mountaineers.

Sacoman came in relief in the sixth inning and allowed just five hits over the next eight innings while striking out eight. He pitched out of three jams including one in the bottom of the 11th inning when Kutztown led off with a triple and later loaded the bases with one out.

In the nightcap, Kutztown jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the bottom first inning but Mansfield rallied behind three straight singles by Zephany Kash, Ryan Paige and Dave Glueck to score three runs for a 3-2 lead.

Kutztown got three runs of its own in the bottom of the third to regain the lead at 5-3.

Mansfield closed to gap to 5-4 with a run in the fifth on an RBI single by Eric Schanzenbacher and took a 6-5 lead an inning later when Taylor Hillson drilled a two-out, bases-loaded single up the middle.

Mansfield was closing in on the win in the seventh but Kutztown scored the tying-run of a two-out single by Derian Sarlat to send the game into extra-innings.

Anthony Renz led off the Mountaineer 10th inning with a single through the gap and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Dalton Lewis. Renz advanced to third on single by Owen Lukens but Mansfield couldn't plate the go-ahead run.

The game remained tied when Brandon Hickey led off the bottom of the 11th for Kutztown with a triple down the right field line. Mansfield intentionally walked the next batter who later advanced to second before Mansfield reliever Zach Sacoman got the next batter to pop up to first. Another intentional walk loaded the bases with one out. Sacoman struck out Ben Eppley for the second out and got the next batter to hit into a fielder's choice to get out of the inning unscathed.

Kutztown threatened again when the Golden Bears had a runner on second with two outs in the bottom of the 13th but Sacoman struck out the next batter to end the threat.

In the top of the 14th, Schanzenbacher led off with double to left and scored when Wes Baylor followed with an single to right field giving Mansfield a 7-6 lead.

Sacoman, who had thrown 113 pitches in eight innings of sparkling relief, was relieved in the 14th by Jeremy Mapstone who retired the side in order including striking out the final batter of the day on three straight pitches.

Sacoman picked up his second win in three decisions while Mapstone earned his first save of the season. Schanzenbacher, Baylor, Anthony Renz and Owen Lukens each had two hits for the Mountaineers.

Matt Swarmer, who was equally as impressive in relief as was Sacoman, took the loss striking out 14 batters in 8.1 innings of work.

In the opener, Brady McNab put the Golden Bears in front with a two-run homer to left field in the bottom of the first inning.

Later in the inning, Brandon Hickey's RBI single scored another run to make it 3-0 in Kutztown's favor.

Mansfield got a hit in each of the first two innings, but didn't push a run across until the third. Westyn Baylor had an RBI ground out to first base to score Taylor Hillson, who reach on a fielding error before Anthony Renz plated Eric Schanzenbacher with a double in the gap to right. Both runs were unearned as Kutztown recorded two errors in the inning.

Neither team could get much going until the bottom of the sixth when the Bear plated two more runs to take a 5-2 lead. Ricky Gorrell and Brandon Martinez each recorded RBIs in the inning for Kutztown.

Paul Piromalli earned the complete game victory for Kutztown, striking out 11 with no earned runs while allowing five hits. Tommy Alexander pitched all 6.0 innings for the Mounties, giving up five earned runs on five hits with six Ks.

Hoefer sets record at University of Maryland Invitational

Jenna Hoefer set a school record in the hammer throw to highlight Mansfield track and field's outdoor season opener at the University of Maryland Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

Hoefer's top throw of 44.73 meters bested her own MU record of 43.60 meters set last season. The record-setting distance was recorded in Hoefer's first attempt of finals. The senior finished eighth overall in the event.

Kelsey Carlsen hit an NCAA provisional mark in the javelin with her attempt of 40.7 meters. Carlsen's mark was good for a third place finish.

Destiny Foster hit an outdoor PR in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:28.98 to finish sixth overall. Jesse Jones also registered a personal best in the men's 3K, finishing fifth at 8:56.55.

Josh Tupper turned in two solid performances, finishing seventh in the 400-meter dash and eighth in the 200-meter dash. Tupper hit a PR in the 400m at 50.50 and finished at 23.50 in the 200m.

Alison Macon finished ninth in the 800-meter run with her time of 2:25.55. Melanie Hartley was 19th in the 400m at 1:01.84.

Jordan Boothe hit a personal best time in the 400m hurdles at 1:01.78 to finish 12th overall.

Kyle Blose finished eighth in the

shot put with an outdoor PR of 12.55 meters. Chris Carlsen took sixth in the javelin with his best attempt of 47.39 meters.

Rachel Hohenwarter finished 18th overall in shot put with an attempt of 10.11 meters.

The Mountaineers are coming off an indoor track and field season that saw 11 female and nine male athletes compete at the PSAC Championships along with two school records set. The women's and men's teams return a total of 11 athletes who competed at last season's outdoor championships including an NCAA qualifier.

Thrower Kelsey Carlsen returns for her junior year after earning All-Region honors and qualifying for nationals in the Javelin in 2014. Carlsen, a transfer from Division I LSU, broke a nine-year-old school record in the javelin last season by over four meters with a throw of 43.59m.

Junior Allison Macon holds the 10th fastest 800-meter time in the PSAC this year after hitting a personal best of 2:19.72 at the conference championships in February. Destiny Foster also hit a PR at the PSAC meet in the 3,000-meter run at 10:17.9 which ranks 10th in the conference as well. Foster's 5K time of 17:44.60 is the seventh best in the PSAC this year.

Freshman Charlsie Bowen has been a great addition to the Mountaineer squad, earning ECAC Division II Rookie of the

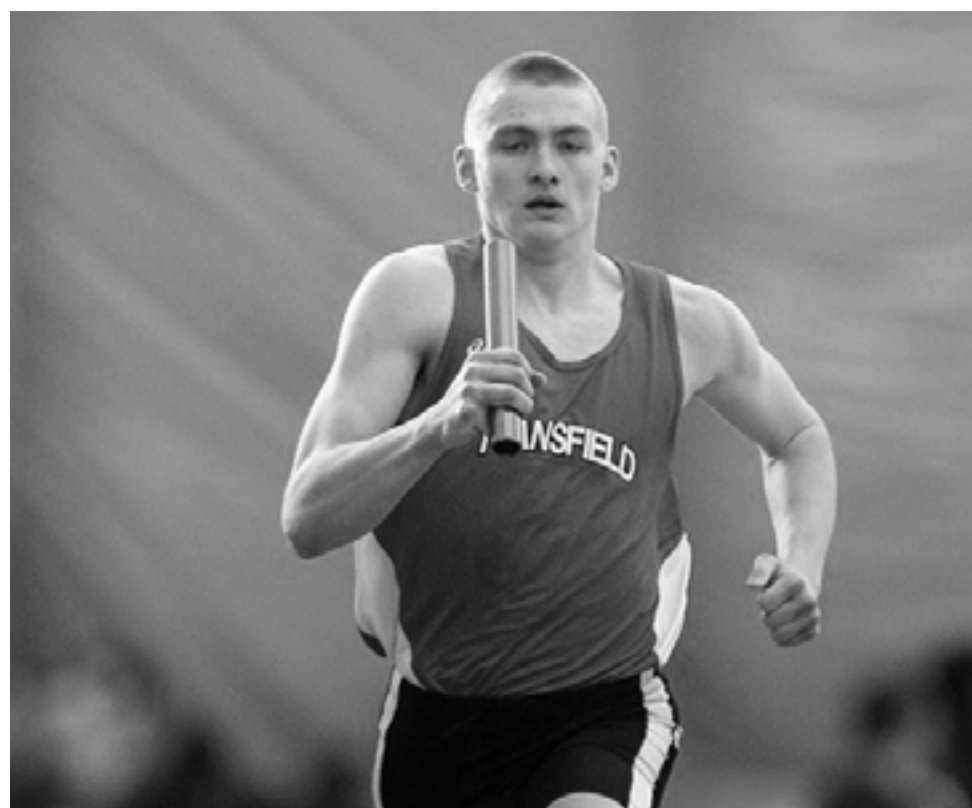


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Tupper majors in fisheries.

Week honors during indoor and finishing sixth in the pole vault at PSACs. Bowen's top vault of 3.45 meters this season is the second highest in program history.

Jesse Jones registered the 16th fastest 3K time in the PSAC at the SPIRE North Coast Open with his time of 8:45.67. Josh

Tupper ranks 18th in the conference in the 400-meter dash with his personal best time of 50.18 set at the PSAC Championships. Joelsen Resimo is 20th in the conference in the mile run at 4:21.3.

Kyle Blose ranks 16th on the PSAC shot put list with a PR throw of 13.75 meters.

Bell and Fitzpatrick named winter athletes of the year

Joe Bell, the leading scorer in Mansfield University men’s basketball history, and women’s basketball standout Katie Fitzpatrick, who became the first player in school history to lead her team in scoring, rebounding, assists, blocks and steals in a season, were named the 2014-15 Mansfield University Winter Athletes of the Year at the annual Winter Sports Banquet at North Mansfield Dining Hall on Monday night. Bell was named the MU Male Winter Athlete of the Year for the third time in his four-year career.

This season the senior became the first player in school history to lead his team in scoring in each of his four seasons and shattered the school career scoring record with 1,904 points.

Bell ranked fourth in scoring in the PSAC during the regular season averaging 16.3 points per game and became just the third player in school history to be selected to All-PSAC honors in each of his four years. He was named to All-PSAC 1st Team honors in each of the last three seasons.

Bell recorded 425 points on the year scoring in double-figures 20 times including putting up 20 or more points 11 times. He

shattered the previous career scoring mark of 1,778 points set by Tommy Harvey by 126 points.

Bell, who finished second on the team in assists this season, also ranks among the career leaders in field goals, free throws, rebounds and blocked shots.

Fitzpatrick accomplished something never before recorded in Mountaineer history when she led the team in scoring, rebounding, assists, blocked shots and steals this season.

The junior became the first Mountaineer women’s basketball player to lead the PSAC in steals with 74 during the regular season. She also set a school record – and recorded the most steals in a game in the PSAC this season — with her 11 takeaways against Mercyhurst.

Fitzpatrick ranked 17th in the PSAC in scoring, averaging 13.0 points per game. Her 32 points in a game at Shippensburg were the most points scored by a Mountaineer player in a game in the last 20 years.

She ranked 11th in the conference in field goal percentage (42.5%) and blocked shots (24), 13th in minutes played (32.0 per game), 17th in scoring, 21st in assists (2.8



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Both Bell and Fitzpatrick are forwards. Athletes of the Year, the head coaches of each fall sport announced their team Most Improved Player and Most Valuable Player.

In addition to the naming of the Winter

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3 -Men’s track at Colonial Relays -Women’s track at the College of William & Mary -Softball at East Stroudsburg Uni @ 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. -Baseball at West Chester Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m. p.m.	4 -Men’s track at Colonial Relays -Women’s track at the College of William & Mary -Softball at Shippensburg Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball at West Chester Uni 1 & 3 p.m.	5	6	7 -Softball v. West Chester Uni @ 2 & 4 p.m. -Baseball at Slippery Rock @ 1 & 3 p.m.	8 -Baseball v. Upper Iowa University 2:30 p.m. -Soft ball v. Bloomsburg University 4:30 p.m.	9
10 -Softball v. Kutztown University @ 2:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. -Basketball v. East Stroudsburg University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	11 -Women and men’s track @ Bucknell Outdoor Classic -Softball at Bloomsburg University 1 & 3 p.m. -Basketball at East Stroudsburg University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16

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Mansfield introduces new sport to Division II

By **HEATHER RITTER**

No relation to John Ritter

A new sport is coming to Mansfield University for the fall 2015 semester.

Mansfield is introducing a brand new sport to the Division II—Whifflefrisball. Whifflefrisball was first popularized back in the time of the ancient Egyptians by King Tutankhamen. All court officials would partake in playing the game to a crowd of hundreds of avid fans.

When the Romans invaded, however, they found the game to be a “giant waste of time” and thought that it “looked kinda dumb.” They outlawed the playing of whifflefrisball. Death was the punishment for being caught with any equipment.

For several thousand years, the instructions of the game were lost upon humanity. All of that changed when a professor here at Mansfield University stumbled upon an ancient rule book. The professor, wishing to remain anonymous, explained how he discovered the rule book.

“I was searching Google images for, ‘cool old stone thingies,’” he said, “I didn’t think I’d find anything interesting. However, the neon green gleam of a Frisbee caught my eye,



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The team will be called the FrisBaes and that’s when I saw it. A man holding a whiffle ball bat, trying to hit a Frisbee—in an Egyptian-style carving on a large rock. I took one look at it and said to myself, ‘That can’t possibly be Photoshopped.’”

The professor was correct. It couldn’t have possibly been Photoshopped, since they didn’t

have Photoshop until 1200 A.D.

The game play of whifflefrisball is relatively simple. A whiffle ball bat, a Frisbee, and a shield are all the equipment one needs. The object of the game is to beat the Frisbee across your opponent’s goal and past the Fris-Stopper—the equivalent of a goalie in soccer.

One teammate, dropping his shield, throws the Frisbee to another teammate who smacks it forward with their whiffle ball bat. The opposing team would try to use their shields to stop the Frisbee from advancing down the court.

Games are played inside on a 1,000 square meter court composed entirely out of recycled plastic red Solo cups.

Each time a team gets the Frisbee into the goal, they earn two points. The game is played until one team drops from fatigue, or until someone scores the most points. The only way to win by scoring the most points is by scoring a special goal.

“It’s almost impossible to do so,” explained the professor, “but to win a game by points one must kick the Frisbee into the goal.”

This awards the team 1,000 points, assuring them a solid win.

Many are looking forward to the return of the sport to the college world. One student said, “That doesn’t even sound like a real sport, why are you asking me this?”

Tryouts are scheduled for June 22-24 in the Decker gymnasium. See gomounties.com for more details.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Fridaaay	Saturday	Sunday	Badday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3 -Baseball does some stuff -Softball	4	5 -Mounties v. Penn State Ultimate Ping Pong World Championships	6 -TRACK runs	prime # here	32	9
10 -Postponed games -The snow made the games this late	11	12 -Rock climbing competition v. gravity	13	14 -Hockey field v. Haven Lock University @ 1 & 2 a.m. -More baseball	15	16 -Apocalyptic Battle Games begin

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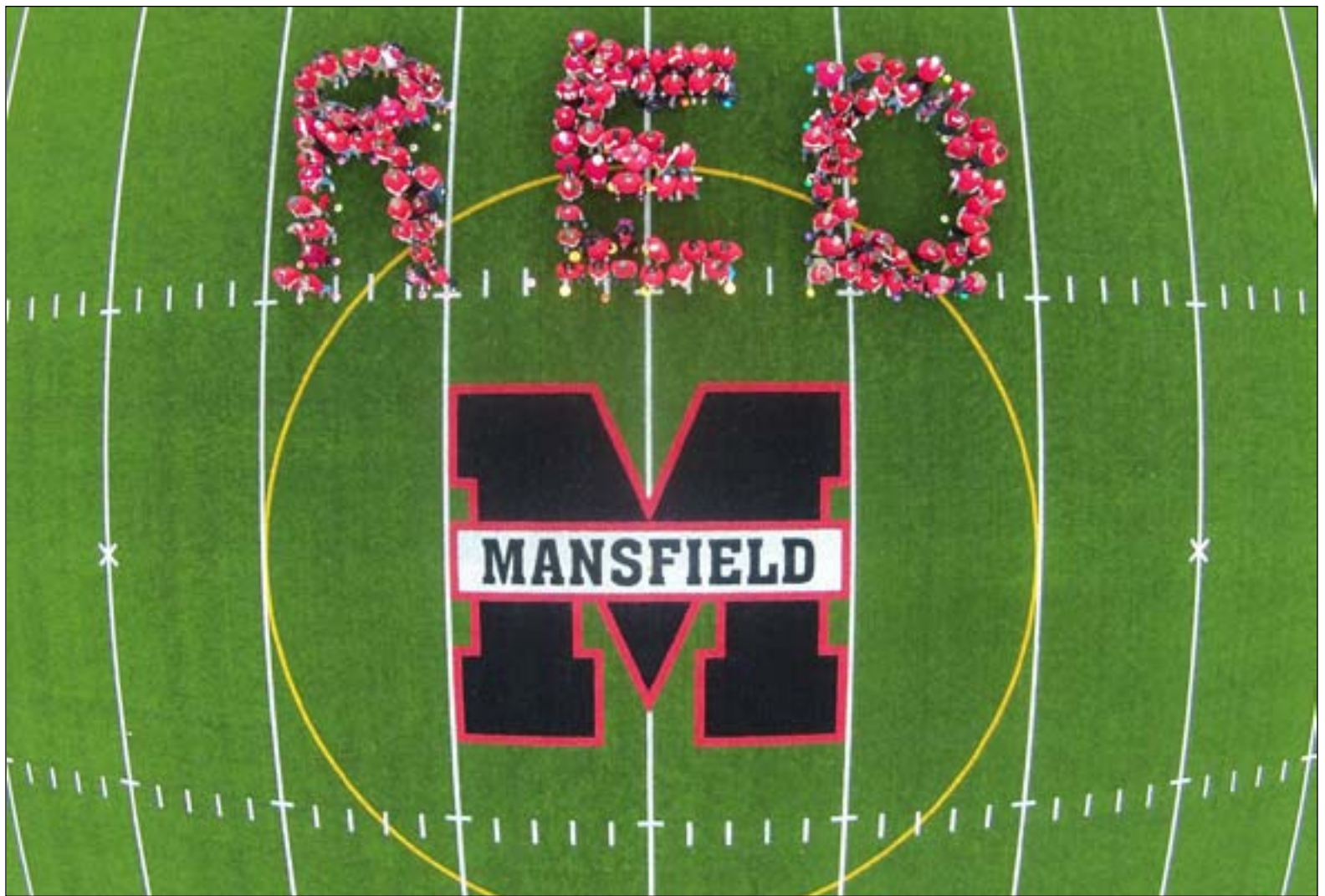
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Mansfield University turns R.E.D. to Remember Everyone Deployed



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Mansfield University Students are asked to wear red to Remember Everyone Deployed.

Mansfield University wears red on Fridays starting April 3, 2015 to remember everyone deployed.

The Mansfield University school colors are red and black, but beginning on April 3, R.E.D. will be the color and the focus of the campus on Fridays.

R.E.D. stands for "Remember Everyone Deployed."

On Fridays the campus community is urged to wear that color as a sign of support for United States troops. The movement was born of an idea from Mansfield University student and veteran Cecil Cooper and backed by the

Student Government Association (SGA).

Cooper is a Geoscience major who served in the Army, including deployments to Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm in 1990-91 and Operation Desert Strike in 1996.

"This movement is focused on the support of the troops and their families and their sacrifices during deployments," Cooper said. "With the wearing of red attire on R.E.D. Friday, it's a common and unified acknowledgement of our service members to let them all know that we have not forgotten them and

appreciate their sacrifice to our country."

Student Government Association launched the new awareness campaign with a campus community gathering at Karl Van Norman Field Friday afternoon. Several hundred students, faculty and staff gathered to spell R.E.D. in human letters.


"Not only will the color red be showing support to the troops, but it will also be supporting our University," SGA President Victoria Malatesta said. "This is a great thing

to do for our military and for our school."

"I am very proud of this initiative," Mansfield University President Fran Hendricks, a retired Air Force Brigadier General who served 33 years, said. "Wearing a different color shirt might seem like a trivial act, but the meaning behind it is significant. It translates to mean that as you prepared for your day, you recognized that others are playing an active role to allow you to go to work or class with relative peace of mind that you are safe."

Weekly Weather


Friday



Rain

High:67 Low:40


Saturday



Cloudy

High:58 Low:33


Sunday



Sunny

High:65 Low:41


Monday



Sunny

High:68 Low:49


Tuesday



Rain

High:62 Low:46


Wednesday



Sunny

High:65 Low:49

Thursday



Rain

High:68 Low:45

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Campus Bulletin Board

- There will be a Safe Zone/Ally training conducted on Friday, April 24, 2015 in Alumni Hall Student Center 312 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Safe Zone/Ally is a program designed to provide awareness and understanding of the campus GLBT community and a greater sense of safety. If you are interested in becoming a Safe Zone member (faculty and staff) or Ally (students) please send an email to Dr. Chuck Hoy at choy@mansfield.edu. There are only 20 places available.

-- Learn about German culture through the lens of movies! The course is taught in English and all films have English subtitles. WLC 2510 Introduction to German Film is offered Fall 2015, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30 p.m. -2:20 p.m. The instructor will be Dr. Brad Holtman. The course counts for General Education, Global Perspectives, Option 2. This course is taught in English and introduces students to film as a mirror of German culture, offering a cross-section of typical sociopolitical and cultural themes. Topics may include Expressionist films and their relation to art and literature, films from divided Germany with perspectives from West and East, films about coming to grips with the Nazi German past, and trends in German cinema since the reunification in 1990. Students will become acquainted with some of the important figures in German cinema and will examine contemporary issues in society via the film medium. Evaluations include class discussion, reaction papers, quizzes, exams, and/or projects.

- A PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union) Cap & Gown Promotion will begin on Monday, March 16, 2015 and run until April 24, 2015. Informational posters are around campus and in the Mountie Den. PSECU members who are graduating in May 2015 can go to the PSECU Office and get a voucher to cover the cost, \$28.06, of a cap and gown (first come, first served until vouchers are gone). A valid Mansfield University ID, Driver's License or State ID and verification of your PSECU Account is required. This amount does not provide for the hood that goes with the cap & gown. Students will have to pay for the hood separately. Any graduating senior who is not a PSECU member is eligible to join PSECU during the promotion dates in order to take advantage of this offer. Membership in PSECU is free. Stop into the PSECU office located in Lower Manser Hall for further details.

- Bring a non-perishable food item to be placed in the collection boxes located in the Steadman Theatre Lobby and outside Butler Room 108, Music Department Office. Canned items, cereals, pasta, soups, sauces, etc., will be collected through the month of March and donated to the Mansfield Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Mansfield University Double Reed Society.

- Pink Floyd tribute band will play at The Hut April 11 at 9:00 p.m. Mansfield students are free. Mansfield community/alumni/public are \$10. Concert tickets are on at The Hut entrance door beginning at 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. The National Touring Pink Floyd Tribute Band delivers a true replication of a Pink Floyd concert. Presented by the Student Activities Office and funded By Student Activity Fees.

POLICE BEAT


- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

-4/2/15- Police were requested to assist Residence Life with an alcohol violation on the forth floor of Hickory Manor. Police arrived at scene. Elizabeth Deuel, 19, Justin Service, 18, Noah Rachau, 18, were referred to campus judicial for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

-3/31/15- After the conclusion of a fire drill in Hickory dormitory Residence Life staff members discovered alcoholic beverages in a first floor room. Residence Life staff members contacted police to handle the violation. Both Jared Specht, 18, and Noah Rachau, 18, were referred to campus judicial for the alcohol violation.

-3/25/15- Between 11:30 p.m. and 1:00 a.m., unknown person(s) removed clothing and other Laundry from the Spruce first floor Laundry room. Anyone with information regarding this theft is requested to contact Mansfield University Police.

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

-4/7/15- Eight members of Maryland family found dead in home

- Princess Anne police chief won't comment when asked if carbon monoxide was a cause

- Seven children, whose ages ranged from 6 to 16, were found dead

- Authorities say a generator inside the home was providing electricity

-4/7/15- Boston bombing trial: Jurors begin deliberations

- Jurors began deliberations Tuesday morning

- If Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is found guilty of at least one capital count, trial will go to penalty phase

- Prosecutor in closing argument: Tsarnaev "wanted to awake the mujahedeen, the holy warriors"

-4/7/15- Greenpeace activists occupy Shell oil rig in middle of Pacific

- Six protesters scale the Polar Pioneer, hundreds of miles northwest of Hawaii

- Greenpeace opposes Shell's plans to drill for oil in the Arctic

-4/7/15- Yemen says Saudi airstrikes hit school, injuring students

- Yemeni officials say school hit by airstrikes; one source says three students killed

- Noncombatants are caught up in Yemen's fighting

- Foreign nationals, many of them Indian, are fleeing the country

-4/7/15- Russian nuclear sub on fire, state news agency reports

- Submarine is in Zvyozdochka shipyard, in northwestern Russia

- No "dangerous" substances on the submarine, shipyard spokesman told ITAR-Tass

“Stomp out Stigma Walk” will be held in Mansfield for mental illness

A “Stomp out Stigma Walk for Mental Illness” will be held on Saturday, May 2 in Mansfield.

The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness of and treatment for mental illness, and to raise money for the Tioga County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). The effort is spearheaded by Mansfield University Social Work students Bianca Gordon, Brittany Behm, Jenson Goodrich, and Jessica Knapp, who are part of Assistant Professor Mary Daly's Communities and Organizations class.

“Chances are we all know someone affected by mental illness,” Goodrich said. “We want to help them and the community to understand that their illnesses do not define them. It is okay to reach out for help.”

According to NAMI, one in five Americans lives with a mental disorder, but estimates show two-thirds of those with a diagnosable mental illness do not

seek treatment. Reasoning for not seeking treatment ranges from a lack of knowledge, fear of disclosure, rejection of friends, and discrimination.

On May 2, signs-up will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the St. James Complex on St. James Street in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. The walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. and proceed on Route 6 to the Veterans Memorial Park in Mansfield. There will be prizes, music, speakers, and refreshments at the park.

To obtain a sponsor sheet or for more information on how to participate, email goodrichjm03@mounties.mansfield.edu

To learn more about NAMI, go to nami.org

For more information on the Social Work Program at Mansfield, go to mansfield.edu/social-work

Mansfield University Festival Choir presents “A German Requiem”

On Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 12 at 2:30 p.m., the Mansfield University Festival Chorus will present “A German Requiem” by Johannes Brahms under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler in Steadman Theatre.

Two Mansfield Music Department alumnae will be featured soloists. Annamaria Myers a 1981 graduate from Port Allegany, Pennsylvania will sing the soprano solo. Mark Rehnstrom a 1979 graduate from New York City, New York will sing the baritone solos. The performances will include the Festival Chorus with full orchestra of Mansfield University faculty, students, and area professional players.

Annamaria Santalucia Myers has made numerous solo appearances in the region, including the 1998 performances of Handel's Messiah at Mansfield University. Most recently, she appeared with the Twin Tiers Symphony. Annamaria's most significant contribution to music is the many years transforming young lives as the vocal/general music teacher for the Port Allegany School District.

Mark Johnson Rehnstrom has developed a full-time career as a soloist, opera singer, and professional chorister in New York City,

New York and across the United States. Mark sings frequently with the Voices of Ascension, St. Ignatius Loyola's Sacred Music in a Sacred Place, Musica Sacra, the New York Choral Artists, and St. John the Divine's Great Music in a Great Space. In recent years, he has travelled as a professional chorister to Tel Aviv, Israel; Salzburg, Austria; and Verbier, Switzerland.

Johannes Brahms departed from the traditional Latin text of the Catholic liturgy, selecting texts from the Lutheran Bible in the German language instead; quotes from as many as twelve books from both the Old and New Testaments are incorporated. He arranged his texts in such a way as to project a story from mourning to affirmation of faith in an eternal life, thereby making concrete his message of comfort and consolation to the bereaved.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Music Department website for \$10 to adults, \$8 to senior citizens, and \$5 to students and children. Students with Mansfield University ID are admitted free of charge. Purchase online at <http://music.mansfield.edu> under Upcoming Events or call 570-662-4710 to reserve tickets. These performances are sponsored in part by student activity fees.

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Relay For Life will be open to the community at Mansfield University

Mansfield University will host Relay For Life 2015 on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18.

The public are invited to attend Mansfield University Relay For Life on April 17, 2015.

Mansfield University's Relay For Life is from 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 17 through 5:00 a.m. Saturday, April 18 at the Kelchner Fitness Center at 80 Clinton Street on the Mansfield campus. The theme is “Game Night.”

The event is open to the public. Area residents are invited to attend the Mansfield University Relay For Life from 5:00 p.m. until midnight on April 17. Registration and check-in will be at 5:00 p.m.

Admission to the Mansfield University Relay For Life is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under age 12, and free for children under age 3.

Community members will be asked to each give a \$1 donation for a dinner with the money to also benefit the American Cancer Society.

More than 35 teams of Mansfield University students, staff, and faculty will be

participating. They will offer food, games, and items on-site with all proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Everyone will be welcomed during the 6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony. Cancer survivors and their caregivers, including members of their families will be participating in the 7:00 p.m. Fight Back, 8:00 p.m. Survivor, and 9:00 p.m. Luminaria ceremonies. The luminaries will be lit and placed around the Kelchner Fitness Center gym. Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha chapter members will join in singing a cappella for the Luminaria Ceremony.

Throughout the night, games will be held such as the frozen T-shirt contest, tug of war, a musical chairs scavenger hunt, Apples to Apples, Twister, stocking golf, and a sack race.

Relay For Life has set a goal of \$25,000. Through the hard work of the teams and other donations, currently they are at \$8,500.

For more information, contact Kim Scully 1-609-661-3516 or scullykm04@mounties.mansfield.edu

SGA new executive board takes office for next year

By Dean Lee
Editor-in-Chief

In the Student Government Association (SGA) there was a change of officers. There was an uncontested election for President and Vice President.

The newly elected officers are as follows: President - Brett Helmus, Vice President - Marquise Isaac-Rivers, Treasurer - Joe Turner, Secretary - Kinia Medley, Parliamentarian - Benjamin Wagner, Director of Public Relations - Stephanie Hendricks, and Director of Technology - Tara Weirner.

Being that the President and Vice President were running uncontested there was no election process and the other officers were appointed to office, by the President.

Currently, there are 17 teams signed up for the laser tag for Spring Fling. Also Spring Fling will not have a beer tent, but they will have a food tent for all students. The students will be carded at the entrance so any non-active student will have to buy food from the food trucks or other vendors.

Spring Fling will be set up on Friday

May 1. If you have any questions or concerns you may talk to previous SGA executive board members Treasurer Alex Bock, or President Victoria Malatesta.

The SGA account balances are; allocated has \$51,000, unallocated has \$56,000 and the Committee on Finance Capital account is at \$53,000.

Alex Bock motioned to pass the CoF budgets, the budget passed to give all of the organizations around \$362,000 for their budgets, but not all organizations received a budget.

In other notes brought up, renovations to Straughn Auditorium are over



50% completed.
Also Mansfield University is to run out of cash reserves by next year. The high ropes course is also supposed to be going up over the summer.

The Flashlight
needs writers
like you!

If you would like to write for The Flashlight come on down to 2M Alumni Hall Student Center, or send your story ideas and articles to flashlit@mansfield.edu.

Everyone is welcome to come join.

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The SGA budgeting processes
and how it should be done

By DEAN LEE
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It should be a known fact that the Student Government Association (SGA) controls all the money that each organization receives. Each organization has to submit a budget to SGA. In doing so, the organization should submit multiple documents including; a ledger, an active recognition form, an inventory list, the attendance/roster, and constitution/bylaws. Some of the organizations did not submit a budget, or forgot to submit some forms, so they were denied a budget. After the submission of the budget documents the sub committee of SGA, Committee of Finance (CoF), will go throw all of the submitted documents. Eventually CoF will open up budget appeals, that is the time for organizations that did not receive a budget to make an appeal. If the CoF were to take the appeal, they would look over the budget again to see about reinstating the budget. After all of the appeals were looked over, CoF (being a subcommittee of SGA) submits their decision of the budgets to SGA. After that it is now in the hands of SGA, which the body of SGA could therefore choose to look over any budgets to make any

changes to any of them. Fortunately, this year the body did not choose to look over any of the budgets except for their own. One of the body members wanted to strike two lines from the budget both of these lines combined would total up to roughly \$19,683. Both of the motions to strike lines 6 and line 28 from the SGA budget were denied. Line 28 would ear-mark \$19,200 for the Women’s Self Defense Courses. The argument for the striking was to have some other organization take it over, but the body felt that there is no other organization that would take. Also that since SGA covers all the students on campus, they felt that they should keep funding the event. In the end SGA was allocated roughly \$139,000 out of the total of \$362,000 that was allocated for all the student organizations on campus for the 15-16 academic year. Now it may not sound like much, but that is almost 39% of the total expenses for the next academic year. I do not want to talk bad about SGA, but it is just so disturbing how they have so much control over the budgets, that they could over rule anyone. I will grant you that SGA has to decide what happens to 1.8 to 1.9 million dollars, but over half of

that money goes athletics, music, KFC and all the other things that SGA funds. I don’t think that all funding all of those things are wrong to fund, I just feel that SGA could do a better job at funding organizations. Some of the organizations I have talked to, either did not receive funding or had some if not most of the items on their budgets cut. I feel that SGA could change the process with the budgets, I feel that they should have a set “hey, if your organization requests x number of dollars they will get it.” Then after that the money would be examined again, and a representative from CoF would go to each organization to see what they wish to have in their budget. In a great world the new administration of SGA would step in and change the whole budgeting process to better the students and the organizations that they are involved in. I hope that when we all come back next year it will change, but if not and if you didn’t receive a budget. Then you can come back next year and bug SGA like crazy. Also please note that all of this information is from my own personal experiences with SGA and may have some factual inaccuracies by mistake.

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The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel’s Tragic Life

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

Daniel

I’ve never really thought about how I’d die.
I suppose I’d want to go for something I believe in. What’s the quote? I’d rather die on my feet than live on my knees? Well I’m on my feet and I’m about to die so, my life was pretty good. I’ve been places, done things. If this is how it ends, I’ll be okay. I was happy to leave the world, the same way I came into it-with Daisy.

Daisy, that’s right. She’s about to die too. I looked at her. She is so young and wants to do so much with her life. She wouldn’t be content dying now. She’d be mad at me and harass me for eternity if I didn’t save her. When the bullet left the gun, I knew I had to push her. It all happened to quickly, I heard the click of the trigger, the explosion of the gun, I shoved Daisy and then the world went dark.

I had my eyes closed. Why did my shoulder hurt so much? Actually, my entire body was sore. Maybe I was in hell. I remember JDU, confessing his love for my mother, and then the gun shot. Where was Daisy? Is she okay?

I opened my eyes slowly. The light was so bright, I was sure I was looking straight into the sun. I was in a hospital. There was a door, a TV playing one of Daisy’s cooking shows, some flowers and machines. Daisy was asleep on my arm.

“D...Daisy” I croaked.
Daisy rolled her head and looked around then at me. “Daniel?” she questioned with tears in her eyes. “Daniel!” She stood up abruptly and hugged me.
“Ahhh...Daze that hurts.” She stopped hugging me then and smiled while wiping her tears away.
“Sorry, I just wasn’t sure you’d wake up. The doctors had to do surgery and you were asleep for so long. I was sure you were in a coma and those people in comas, they just don’t wake up and-“

“Daisy shut up.” She babbled when she was nervous. It was quite irritating when I wanted to know what happened. Maybe we’re in Heaven, and it just took me longer to get here. That would make sense considering we were shot at. “So, are we in Heaven?”

Daisy touched my shoulder and I winced. “If this is Heaven, the walls need to be a little whiter. I bet there was so much blood on the walls, they gave up on the white and went with off-white, possibly cream, maybe even-” Daisy went on and on, but I stopped listening. My mind was everywhere else. Where was JDU? How did we end up at the hospital? Daisy looks fine so, she must have stopped him.

“Daniel, are you listening to me?” Daisy waved her hand in front of my face. “Just because you got shot for me, doesn’t mean you don’t have to listen to me rant and rave about everything. You’re still my brother, even if you are a hero.”

“Me? A hero?”

Daisy looked at me in disbelief. “Daniel, you saved us. You pushed us out of the way from the gun. Well, you pushed me, you still got shot. Anyway, so after you pushed me, I fell and was able to grab the pocketknife from my sneaker. I found it in the car, right before we get out. I put it in my shoe when we were-” again, with the ranting.

“Daisy!”
“Oh, right sorry. So I threw the knife and I hit him right in the abdomen. He was pretty stunned that I actually hit him, I think, so it gave me the opportunity to crouch behind the police car. I could hear his footsteps coming around the car. He taunted me, saying he was going to torture you... Daniel?

“I’m listening Daisy.”
“Good, anyway, I was crouched by the back tire when he stepped behind the car. He took another step. He was in my reach now. I reached under the bumper, grabbed his ankle and pulled. The man came flying down on his back. Well, I don’t think he appreciated my surprise too much because he grabbed my arm and pulled me behind the car” Daisy stood up and pulled up her shirt where gauzed was taped over her side. It was a pretty large cut and looked like it could be deep. “He tried to stab me, but I bit him and he was only able to cut me.”

I reached over to move the bandage, but Daisy slapped my hand away. “Ouch you idiot! I’m not hyped up on pain meds like you.”

“Sorry...”
“Do you want to hear the rest of the story

or not?” Daisy at this point looked irritated with me. I couldn’t figure out way, but I really did want to know so I shut up and put my hand back at my side. My other arm was over my stomach, I don’t think it was going to feel good to move it.

“So, as I was saying.” Daisy sat down again. “He attempted to stab me. I ran over to Officer Bubble’s and picked up his gun. Before I knew it, JDU was in front of me with the gun pointed at me. He clicked his gun back, and I jumped accidentally shooting him in his chest, he fell backwards knocking his head off the car mirror and passed out...And then I got Officer Bubble’s phone and called 911.”

“That’s it?” I asked, because with Daisy, that’s never the whole story.

“JDU is in intensive care. He hasn’t woken up yet. Which is fine by me, I think he deserved worse... Where’s your head?”

JDU was alive. He killed our parents, tried to kill us, but instead Daisy showed mercy. “In the clouds. I can’t believe we made it out alive.” I told her. I was still in shock.

Daisy looked up as a nurse walked in. “Oh, I forgot I was supposed to come get you. I was just so excited he woke up.”

“Not a problem.” The nurse said as she put something in my IV. “How are you feeling Daniel?”

“I was feeling a...” Suddenly, I could barely keep my eyes open. What had the nurse put in there? Daisy looked slightly alarmed as I drifted off...

PSECU Financial Corner: Credit union or bank?-why you should care

By **EMILY SHOSH**
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Think all financial institutions are the same?
They’re not! A credit union is fundamentally different from a bank. A credit union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative. They are organized and operated to benefit their members. Because they’re not-for-profit, earnings are returned to members through low- or no-fee services, loan low rates and generally higher rates on deposits. A bank, on the other hand, is a for-profit institution. Fees are generally a substantial source of income for corporate stockholders.
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Recipe Column: Meatloaf in a mug

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

This weeks recipe is meatloaf in a mug.
All you need is 15 minutes, a cup and a few simple ingredients. The ingredients are as follows: 2 tablespoons 2% milk, 1 tablespoon ketchup, 2 tablespoons quick-cooking oats, 1 teaspoon onion soup mix, 1/4 pound lean ground beef, cooking spray, a thermometer, and possibly a little more ketchup.
First you combine the milk, ketchup, oats and soup mix in a small bowl.
Next, crumble beef over mixture and mix well.
Then put the mixture into a microwave-safe mug that is coated with cooking spray.
Finally, cover and microwave on high for 3 1/2 minutes or until meat is no longer pink and a thermometer reads 160°;
Next, remember to drain your mug!
Last, let stand for 3 minutes. Serve with additional ketchup if you desire.
Enjoy your meal!

Horoscopes

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March 21 - April 19

Just when you thought you might actually be willing to leave your pet project alone for a bit, and that recent intrigue might be nearing its end, things turn out to be even ore complex than you had thought. Someone who seems to just love irritating you is hard at work on that project, so it may be best for you to stay right where you are and keep working just as hard as ever.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Whatever is most important to you is something the rest of the world is sure to hear all about soon. That's even more true for the loved ones you're spending most of your time with, of course. There may be a few surprises on the way -- in fact, it's near-certain, given that things probably can't work out exactly as you'd hoped. No worries -- if anyone is creative when it comes to surprising a loved one, it's you.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

An intense work situation could lead you to wonder if you ought to tell all or just keep quiet -- and isn't that a recurring dilemma for you? Since you may be feeling that you've kept this secret for too long, consider what might happen once the truth is revealed. The good news is that, in long run, the truth always comes out. You need to decide if you want it to come out sooner or later.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

You can almost always sense something brewing, even before it's officially started. At the moment, your intuition is definitely high-powered -- as is your temper, unfortunately! That could be a divine combination, especially someone who's been glancing your way has been gradually (and, so it would seem, deliberately) letting those glances last just a longer.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

Back when people started throwing around the term 'dysfunctional family,' you understood that just about everyone's family is dysfunctional in one way or another. In your family's case, you probably have an unusual yet successful way of handling all the freaky problems that crop up: You agree to disagree, and keep on loving each other anyway. Keep that in mind now, no matter who pushes which button!

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

When it comes to telling someone when something's wrong, you're a Jedi master. It might be an upturned collar, a scratch in the paint, or a terminal case of onion breath, but you can handle the responsibility. Right now, it's pretty much maxed out, so the very least you can to is to mention that -- to issue a disclaimer, really -- before you answer any personal questions.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

Your energy is driving you hard to turn your attention toward some big personal issue that is likely to end in an argument with someone. You're not crazy about engaging in that particular sport, but every now and then, it's just about impossible to avoid. If money is the issue and you need to draw a line in the sand, or maybe just have a serious talk about a debt a loved one owes you, go for it ASAP.

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Your infamous passion and determination to stand tough when you feel strongly about something is nothing to take lightly. It never has been, of course, but that goes double now. You're practically irresistible and just about impossible to refuse. Don't rein it in, no matter how tired you might be. Don't pretend to be interested in someone if you're not -- especially if it's only to win.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

You've never been known for being shy, retiring, or afraid to speak your mind. You're also a great friend to have on one's side -- the best anyone could possibly ask for, really, and not just when times are good. When an equally good friend comes asking for your understanding and support -- and to help keep a sizable secret -- you're right there for them.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

No matter who you know or how long you've actually known them, you just can't seem to avoid being put in charge of them from time to time. Right now, what you're being asked to do by a friend amounts to them putting you in a position in which you are giving far more than you are likely to get back. Just say no -- with confidence -- and tell them awwhy you're refusing.

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

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PISCES

February 19 - March 20

There's just one person who can help you figure out what to do next -- and you both know it. The thing is, you probably haven't seen each other for quite some time, and you might not be quite sure where to find them. Work those antennae of yours and figure out where to start looking. Give them a buzz, send an email, or simply show up at their door.

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TV Review: *Mad Men* final season

By EVAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer



Mad Men is airing its finale season this year.

Word of the Week:

Magniloquent
adjective \Mag-Nil-uh-qwuh-nt\

1. Lofty or grandiose in speech or expression; using a high-flown style of discourse; bombastic.
2. speaking or expressed in a lofty or grandiose style; pompous; bombastic; boastful.

Quote of the Week:

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

~Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

Lyric of the Week:

“MacArthur’s Park is melting in the dark, All the sweet, green icing flowing down, Someone left the cake out in the rain

I don’t think that I can take it, ‘Cause it took so long to bake it

And I’ll never have that recipe again, oh noooooo.”

- Richard Harris

Fact of the Week:

Christian Bale voiced the character of Thomas in *Pocahontas*.

Mad Men has become a worldwide phenomenon since first premiering in 2007 and has won numerous awards.

The first four seasons managed to win the Emmy Award for Outstanding Drama Series four years in a row and other Emmys for casting as well as writing. The show has managed to tell one of the best stories in the history of television that takes place in one of the most interesting and sexiest time periods in human history, the 1960s. The show is unfortunately coming to an end, but it hasn’t gotten worse as time passed, only more interesting and intriguing.

The previous season of *Mad Men* ended with a cliffhanger that was probably one of the biggest in the series and fans had to wait an entire year to see how it played out at the start of the final season. Without spoiling anything, everything worked itself out in a believable and very well-told way. Some shows manage to solve cliffhangers with ridiculous story twists than often leave something to be desired, not in this case. *Mad Men* managed to resolve the cliffhanger and then end the first part of the final season on another cliffhanger, that wasn’t as intriguing as the previous cliffhanger but still interesting enough to keep me and many other fans wanting more.

The story in this show is a human drama. It lacks action, but the writing makes up for it. The talent of the writers is downright incredible. One of the things that amazes me, is that the writers manage to come up with great advertising campaigns for the various companies in the show that Sterling Cooper represents. It’s almost like the writers have two jobs, writing advertisements and writing a television script. This is something that has been going on since the pilot episode and has gotten better as the time passed.

Not only that, but the historical accuracy and the amount of details that go into the writing to make the show feel authentic is groundbreaking. The writers actually go through weather reports to check the weather for the time that each episode takes place in and then match it accordingly. They also manage to put the news stories, movies, and music that was popular during the time period in each episode. Most of the episodes take place during specific dates and the story is just made even better as a result.

Besides the engaging storyline and excellent writing, the acting on the show is incredible as well. Jon Hamm does an outstanding job portraying the mysterious and complicated character, Don Draper. It is clear that his character has problems, but it is not always clear what those problems are. But, how Don Draper deals with those problems

are ways that often lead to more problems and rarely result in a solution. Elisabeth Moss does an impressive job portraying Peggy Olson, a career-focused woman whose talent was recognized by her male superiors and she has managed to work her way up through the ranks of Sterling Cooper. Peggy and Don’s complicated relationship is one of the best relationships that I have seen on TV in recent years. It is clear they care about each other, but their relationship is not without its faults and is very human in its problems.

The other characters are equally engaging. Roger Sterling, who is a womanizing drunk with a knack for entertaining Sterling Cooper’s clients. He is impossible not to enjoy as a character. John Slattery’s charismatic performance of Roger Sterling is very entertaining and a joy to watch. Pete Campbell, who has definitely redeemed himself since the first season is a character that is both easy to like and hate. The cause of his problems are often a result of his own greed and selfish desires. But still, he is a very great character that is excellently portrayed by Vincent Kartheiser. One other character worth mentioning, is Joan Harris. She is a beautiful and very smart businesswoman that is very confident in her power over men as well as her superiority to them. She may not always be treated as an equal, but she somehow manages to make me feel like she is just waiting for her opportunity to get ahead.

One other aspect of the show that I feel I should mention is the music. Since the pilot, the show has had a great soundtrack full of classic rock and other 1960s music. This hasn’t changed in the final season. There is an amazing scene in the first episode of the season where I’m a Man by The Spencer Davis Group is playing while Don Draper is in an airport. The song fits perfectly and shows just how sexy the time period was as well as the characters. Some television shows manage to get the soundtrack and score right to a point that it makes many of the scenes so much more alive due the presence of the music, *Mad Men* is one of these television shows.

There are so many things that make *Mad Men* one of the greatest television shows of all time. From the numerous much-deserved awards to the incredible writing, acting, and music. All of these things has managed to make this show more and more incredible with each passing season. Not only that, but it has managed to draw in more viewers with the well-deserved hype that surrounds the show. Unfortunately, it is in its final season and will be ending this year.

The final season has been split up into two parts and the second part premiered Sunday April 5, 2015 at 10:00 p.m. Five episodes are left until the series finale of this amazing, smart, and sexy television show.

Softball wins against Millersville on 20th anniversary of Lutes Field

Megan Miller drove in two runs including the game-winner and Ashley Inman allowed just one earned run in going the distance to lead Mansfield to a 3-2 win over Millersville in the opening game of a PSAC doubleheader in the afternoon of Thursday April 2 at Helen Lutes Field.

Millersville won the nightcap 7-3.

The doubleheader was the 2015 home opener for the Mountaineers and begins a season-long celebration marking the 20th anniversary of Helen Lutes Field.

In the opener, Millersville drew first blood scoring a run in the first inning on a Mountaineer throwing error.

Mansfield came right back two innings later when Kayla Hahn doubled down the right field line to leadoff the third inning for Mansfield. With freshman Nkki Watkins running for Hahn, Laura Lawson laid down

a perfect sacrifice bunt to move the runner to third. Courtney Bauder followed with an RBI single to left to tie the game at 1-1 before Miller put the Mountaineers up 2-1 with a two out single to plate Bauder.

Millersville tied the game in the top of the fourth when Brittany Smith took a 3-2 pitch over the leftfield fence to lead off the inning to tie the game at 2-2.

Mansfield came right back and scored what proved to be the winning run when Laura Lawson led off the bottom of the fifth with a single to left and was sacrificed to second by Bauder. One out later, Miller doubled down the left field line to score Lawson giving Mansfield a 3-2 advantage.

Inman retired the last six batters of the game, including striking out Millersville final hitter on a 3-2 count, to preserve the Mountaineers first conference win of the season. The

junior went all seven innings scattering three hits while striking out four and walking none to pick up her fifth win in eight decision this season.

Mansfield pounded out eight hits with Miller going 2-3 with d double and two RBI's. Hahn also doubled for the Mountaineers.

Cassidy Pinchorski went the distance and took the loss for Millersville.

The win was the 391st in head coach Edith Gallagher's 24-year coaching career and moves her to nine wins of become the first female coach in Mountaineer history to reach the 400 win milestone.

In the nightcap, Millersville got a pair of runs on a single by Brittany Smith off Mountaineer starter Chelsey Heatley. The Marauders picked up two more runs in the third inning keyed by a solo home run by Jordan Sheffield.

Mansfield struggled to get its offense started in the nightcap with just two hits over the first five innings with Amanda Goodwin doubling to lead off the fourth and freshman Morgan Boyce singling with one out in the fifth.

The Mountaineers attempted a late game rally when freshman Rachael Sterner led off the bottom of the seventh belting her first collegiate home run over the left field fence followed by a double from freshman Casey Pearce.

Two outs later, freshman Melanie Taylor drilled a double over the head of the leftfielder scoring Pierce and cutting the lead to 7-2.

Bauder reached on an error one batter later and Taylor raced home on the play to pull to 7-3 before Millersville recorded the final out of the game.

Heatley took the loss for Mansfield while Brianna Andraos went the distance allowing five hits and striking out three.



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Helen Lutes Field hosted its first double header on March 30th, 1995

Mounties rank highest in PSAC social media index

It seems that everybody's talking about the Mansfield University Mountaineers – everybody in the world of social media, that is.

Despite its relatively small size, Mansfield ranks large in the world of athletic social media.

Mansfield University is ranked 51st out of 314 NCAA Division II athletic departments on the social media index compiled by the NCAA DII Social Media Leaderboard. Mansfield also tops all Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) members in ranking on the NCAA DII Social Media Leaderboard list. The PSAC is the largest conference in the NCAA.

"Success like this doesn't happen by accident," said Steve McCloskey Mansfield's Director of Athletic Operations and Information who oversees the sports information office. "Ryan McNamara is responsible for much of our social media efforts along with our head student-assistant Colleen Dempsey and the rest of our student staff. They do terrific work because they care."

The NCAA Division II Social Media Leaderboard tracks and ranks Division II athletic departments and conference social media efforts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

In these leaderboards, institutions are ranked in descending order by number of followers/likes. The more followers/likes you have, the higher your rank. In the

Social Media index institutions are ranked by calculated social media index. Followers/likes per undergraduate enrollment is taken into account. Also, there are penalties for not having all three accounts and for not having the same handle on all accounts.

The NCAA Division II Social Media Leaderboard is updated regularly on D2.ticker the premier curation service that keeps Division II collegiate administrators and those connected to the industry on developments specific to DII college athletics. Administrative hires, coaching changes, facilities, sponsorships, fund-raising, compliance issues, as well as general trends in social media, technology, new media, marketing, advertising and business operations are also reported on three times per week.

The Mansfield University sports information office is part of the MU Public Relations department and has teamed up with John Maslar the Web and Digital Marketing Coordinator on a number of projects including its annual Light Up Mansfield Again (LUMA) event and the recent social media Mascot promotion against other members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

You can follow the Mountaineers on social media with Twitter (@MUMounties), Facebook (Facebook.com/MUMounties) and Instagram (@MUMounties). Use #GoMounties when talking about Mansfield on social media.

Mansfield fall to East Stroudsburg



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Kate Pratt's name is found an unprecedented 40 times in the Mansfield Softball record book.

The Mounties staged a sixth inning comeback against East Stroudsburg, but it wouldn't prove to be enough as Mansfield lost 3-2 in the opener and 4-2 in the nightcap.

Megan Miller garnered the first hit of game one in the top of the second on a hard hit ball to the shortstop. The junior was pushed to third, but was left stranded to go into the bottom of the inning.

Ashley Inman and the rest of the Mansfield (6-12-1, 1-9-0 PSAC) defense were in a tight bind in the bottom of the second with runners on the corners, but got out of it unscathed on a groundout to Kayla Hahn.

After going down 2-0 in the bottom of the third, Hannah Secord led off the top of the sixth with a double to right center. After advancing on a wild pitch to third, Secord crossed home on a Courtney Bauder triple to right center. The senior went on to score on a sacrifice fly from Laura Lawson to tie the score at 2-2.

After East Stroudsburg's (12-7-0, 5-3-0 PSAC) Sierra Wagner reached on an error, Madison Oren came in to pinch run for

Wagner. With two outs on the board, Jamie Smith singled to left field to put the Warriors up 3-2 and win the game.

Mansfield was led at the plate by Bauder (2-3, one RBI, one run), Secord (1-3, one run) and Lawson (one RBI).

Rachael Liquori (5-3) earned the win for East Stroudsburg while Inman (5-5) was credited with the loss. The junior went the distance with five strikeouts while only giving up four hits.

After going down 3-0 in game two, Bauder broke Allison Mende's no-hitter with a single to centerfield in the top of the fourth.

East Stroudsburg added another run in the bottom of the fourth to go up 4-0.

In the top of the fifth, Rachael Sterner hit her first career double before being sent home on Melanie Taylor's first collegiate homerun.

Laura Knight came on in relief and pitched 2.1 innings without giving up a single hit, but East Stroudsburg went on to win 4-2.

Chelsey Heatley (0-6) picked up the loss with East Stroudsburg's Mende (6-2) getting the win.

Student Dietetic Association hosts annual Spring Fling 5k Run/2k Walk

The Mansfield University Student Dietetic Association will host its annual Spring Fling 5K Run/2K Walk on Saturday, April 25th.

The race begins at 10 a.m. at Karl Van Norman Field with registration being held from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Along with the SDA, the race is supported by Kelchner Fitness Center, the Student Government Association and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. The SAAC will collect donations for its

annual Make A Wish Foundation drive and award prizes to the top donors.

Pre-registration is \$15 which includes a t-shirt. Race day registration is \$20. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female in each age group.

For more information email grovena26@mounties.mansfield.edu or like the Spring Fling 5K Facebook page at Facebook.com/Mansfield5K. Registration forms are also available at Kelchner Fitness Center.

Mounties baseball loses 8-0 and 6-3 to West Chester

Anthony Renz drilled a go-ahead, three-run homer in game two, but West Chester rallied for a 6-3 victory to earn the PSAC East doubleheader sweep over Mansfield Saturday afternoon at Serpico Field. West Chester came away with an 8-0 victory in the opener.

West Chester plated an unearned run in the bottom of the first inning of game one and added two more runs on one hit in the third to jump out to a 3-0 advantage. Dave Glueck led-off the third with a hit and eventually moved over to third with Eric Schanzenbacher reaching on a fielding error to put runner on the corners. However, Mansfield was unable to push a run across.

The Mountaineers again had two runners aboard in the fourth inning after a Zephan Kash walk and an Owen Lukens single. A wild pitch put both runners in scoring position, but they were ultimately left stranded.

A big fifth inning propelled the Golden Rams to an 8-0 lead.

Alec Schwartz went the distance on the hill for the complete game, shutout victory. Dan Harms took the loss for MU.

In game two, Dylan Tice's solo home run and Bill Ford's RBI double gave West Chester an early 2-0 lead.

In the top of the fifth, Schanzenbacher and Westyn Baylor hit one-out singles before Renz stroked a three-run home run down the left field line to give Mansfield a 3-2 lead. The slug was Renz's fourth homer of the season.

A four-run bottom of the sixth put the Rams back on top at 6-4.

Nick Stallings earned his fourth win on the mound, pitching a complete game with seven strikeouts. Ryan Matthews took the loss in relief.

Renz went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate while Baylor was 3-for-4 to lead the Mounties offensively.



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Anthony Renz started all but 3 games for the Mounties in 2014 as a junior.

Have a suggestion for April's *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to Heather Ritter at flashlit@mansfield.edu by April 24th.

Mansfield track and field competes at Colonial Relays

Kelsey Carlsen hit an NCAA provisional mark in the javelin for the second straight week as Mountaineer track and field competed at the Colonial Relays hosted by William & Mary this weekend.

Carlsen’s best throw came on her first attempt of the day at 40.6 meters, which was good for a fourth place finish in the champion division of the javelin. The junior also hit an NCAA mark last week at the Maryland Invitational.

Jenna Hoefer finished second in the hammer throw with a PSAC mark of 43.1 meters. Hoefer’s best throw also came in her first attempt. Rachel Hohenwarter finished 12th in the hammer with a throw of 38.22 meters.

Freshman Charlsie Bowen continued her impressive season in the pole vault, clearing 3.35 meters to finish third in the event. Bowen cleared her first three heights in the first attempt.

Qualifying for PSACs and hitting an outdoor PR in the 800-meter run was Allison Macon with her time of 2:19.9. That was good for a fourth place finish. Jake Portock was 34th in the men’s 800 at 2:01.96.



Allison Macon set her personal best for the 400m in high school with a time 60.39. PHOTO COURTESY OF GOMOUNTIES.COM

Freshman Kirsten Anderson finished 18th in the 3,000-meter run with her time of 10:55.58. In the men’s 3,000 race, Kyle Calogero hit a personal best at 9:24.18 to finish 14th.

Jesse Jones turned in a 5,000-meter time

of 15:32.09 to place 10th.

Freshman Josh Tupper was 35th in the 400-meter run with a time of 50.73.

Kyle Blose took 10th in the shot put with his best attempt of 12.78 meters. Chris Carlsen was 13th in the javelin at 47.4

meters.

Quashaun Jaquay Willis hita PR in the 1,500-meter run with a 4:14.08 which was good for a finish of 23rd.

The Mountaineer women finished 23rd overall in the team scoring with 23.50 points

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10 -Softball v. Kutztown University @ 2:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. -Baseball v. East Stroudsburg @ 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.	11 -Women and men’s track @ Bucknell Outdoor Classic -Softball at Bloomsburg University 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball at East Stroudsburg University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	12 -Women and men’s track @ Bucknell Outdoor Classic -Softball at Lock Haven University 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball at Indiana Uni & West Chester Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m.	13	14 -Softball at West Chester University 2 & 4 p.m.	15 -Baseball Lincoln University @ 1 & 3	16
17 -Softball at Lock Haven University 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. -Baseball at Lock Haven University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	18 -Women’s and men’s track Mountaineer Invitational -Softball at Millersville University 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball at Lock Haven University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	19	20	21 -Baseball at Pennsylvania College of Technology @ 2 & 4 p.m.	22 -Baseball at Clarion University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	23 -Women’s and men’s track at Penn Relays

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Jim Reese, Delta Force veteran, scheduled to speak at commencement

U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Jim Reese, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of TigerSwan, and a 1989 Mansfield graduate, will be the speaker at Mansfield University's 150th Commencement on Saturday, May 9, at 11 a.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.

Before founding TigerSwan, an international security and global stability firm, in 2008, Reese served 25 years in the Army. His military commitment began while an ROTC cadet at Mansfield.

"Jim Reese is a leader, both in his military career and now in the business world," Mansfield University President Fran Hendricks said in making the announcement. "His story of patriotism, dedication and success is one we want our newest graduates to hear. We are honored to welcome Jim back to campus to speak at our 150th Commencement."

Reese came to Mansfield in 1982 as a football recruit. He joined the Army ROTC program and the National Guard his freshman year. After his junior year Reese enlisted in the Army Airborne Ranger Program where he spent three years and rose to the rank of staff sergeant. In 1988, the Army sent Reese back to Mansfield to finish his degree and the ROTC program.

He was the Mansfield ROTC cadet battalion commander and was the General Marshall awardee for the ROTC region as the top cadet. Reese graduated in May 1989 with a communications degree and was commissioned as an infantry officer in the Army.

Reese rose quickly through the ranks and distinguished himself in the 75th Ranger Regiment and "Delta Force," the U.S. elite counter-terrorist force. He has advised international leaders on six continents and served in contingency operations in the Balkans and

Colombia and combat operations in both Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

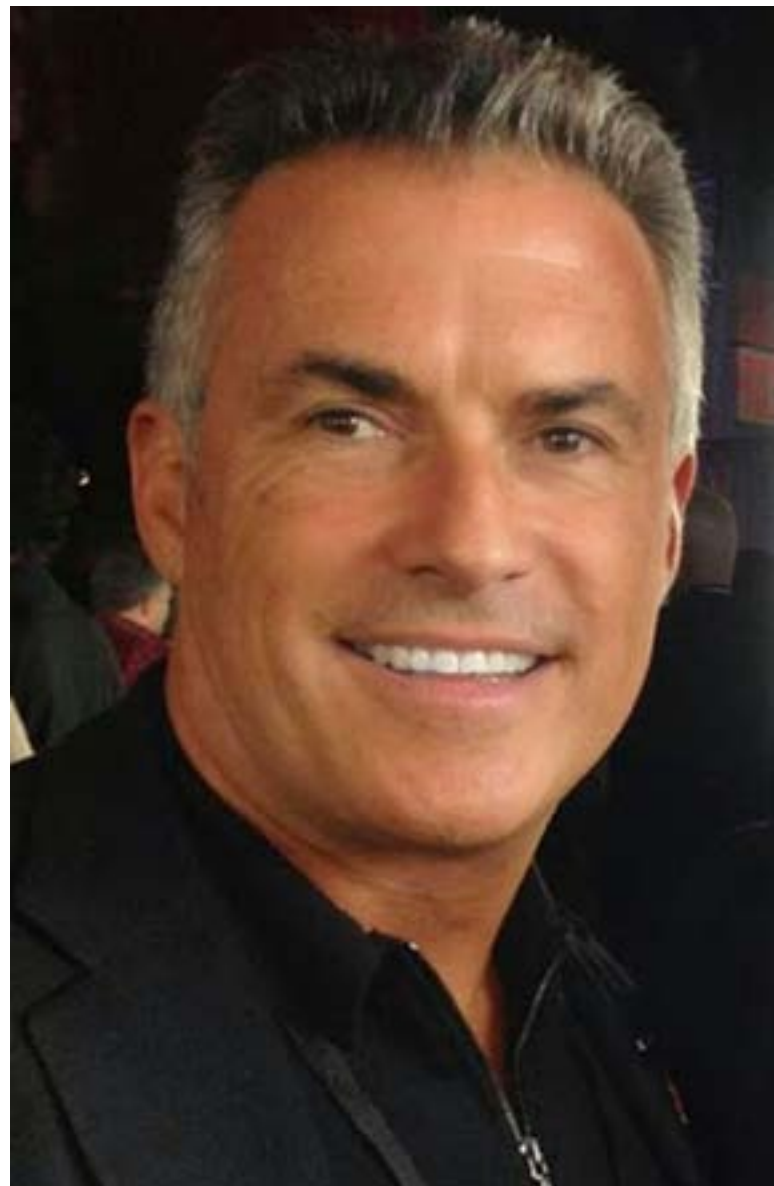
Immediately following 9/11, the U.S. Secretary of Defense selected Reese to serve as the lead advisor for Special Operations to the Director of the CIA for operational planning and integration of CIA and military special operation elements in the invasion of Afghanistan and Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2003, the U.S. General designated as the Combined Forces Coalition Commander personally requested Reese to be his primary advisor for the integration of Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) for the Iraq invasion.

Reese retired from "Delta Force" and the Army in 2007. He took his experience and leadership and became the director of security operations for a multi-billion-dollar international Fortune 100 Company. Reese was responsible for implementing and reorganizing the security apparatus of the company as well as the organizations critical infrastructure, maritime, aviation and personal-security operations.

In 2008, Reese was specifically recruited to lead the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security and High Threat Security Services for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Also in 2008, Reese's entrepreneurship formulated the founding principles and vision for the establishment of TigerSwan, a global security and stability consultancy that advises clients on procedural, behavioral and internal conditions for the creation of adaptive security solutions within an asymmetric global threat environment, which he launched a year later.

Today, TigerSwan operates in 46 countries with several hundred employees providing services to organizations and individuals do-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TERRY DAY.

Jim Reese is the founder of TigerSwan.. mestic and abroad.

Reese is a frequent speaker at industry events and organizations focusing on stability, international crisis, change leadership and execution as a value proposition. In September of 2014, he was hired by CNN as a Global Affairs Analyst to provide insight and expertise in areas dealing with instability and international relations.

In addition to his BA in Communications from Mansfield,


Reese earned a Fellowship degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Center for International Studies (CIS) in U.S. national security and foreign policy.

Reese and his wife Niki have two daughters, Hali and Keeyvn.

In the event of inclement weather, Commencement will take place in Decker Gymnasium.


Weekly Weather

Friday

 Rain


High:66 Low:50

Saturday

 Sunny


High:68 Low:42

Sunday

 Sunny


High:65 Low:41

Monday

 Rain


High:60 Low:41

Tuesday

 Rain


High:59 Low:39

Wednesday

 Rain

High:59 Low:38

Thursday

 Sunny

High:55 Low:40

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Campus Bulletin Board

- There will be a Safe Zone/Ally training conducted on Friday, April 24, 2015 in Alumni Hall Student Center 312 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Safe Zone/Ally is a program designed to provide awareness and understanding of the campus GLBT community and a greater sense of safety. If you are interested in becoming a Safe Zone member (faculty and staff) or Ally (students) please send an email to Dr. Chuck Hoy at choy@mansfield.edu. There are only 20 places available.

- Learn about German culture through the lens of movies! The course is taught in English and all films have English subtitles. WLC 2510 Introduction to German Film is offered Fall 2015, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30 p.m. -2:20 p.m. The instructor will be Dr. Brad Holtman. The course counts for General Education, Global Perspectives, Option 2. This course is taught in English and introduces students to film as a mirror of German culture, offering a cross-section of typical sociopolitical and cultural themes. Topics may include Expressionist films and their relation to art and literature, films from divided Germany with perspectives from West and East, films about coming to grips with the Nazi German past, and trends in German cinema since the reunification in 1990. Students will become acquainted with some of the important figures in German cinema and will examine contemporary issues in society via the film medium. Evaluations include class discussion, reaction papers, quizzes, exams, and/or projects.

- A PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union) Cap & Gown Promotion will begin on Monday, March 16, 2015 and run until April 24, 2015. Informational posters are around campus and in the Mountie Den. PSECU members who are graduating in May 2015 can go to the PSECU Office and get a voucher to cover the cost, \$28.06, of a cap and gown (first come, first served until vouchers are gone). A valid Mansfield University ID, Driver's License or State ID and verification of your PSECU Account is required. This amount does not provide for the hood that goes with the cap & gown. Students will have to pay for the hood separately. Any graduating senior who is not a PSECU member is eligible to join PSECU during the promotion dates in order to take advantage of this offer. Membership in PSECU is free. Stop into the PSECU office located in Lower Manser Hall for further details.

- Bring a non-perishable food item to be placed in the collection boxes located in the Steadman Theatre Lobby and outside Butler Room 108, Music Department Office. Canned items, cereals, pasta, soups, sauces, etc., will be collected through the month of March and donated to the Mansfield Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Mansfield University Double Reed Society.

- Since you're a student at this school, one of PA's largest credit unions has a special deal for you. When you join PSECU and satisfy the requirements, you can receive up to \$250 in bonuses. Visit the PSECU Office in Lower Manser Hall to get all the promotion details and apply for membership, or go to beyourchange.com/get50. PSECU is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration. Equal Opportunity Lender.

POLICE BEAT


- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

-4/6/15- At approximately 10:25 p.m., Zachary Mosso, 19, forcefully pulled on the first floor entrance door repeatedly in order to gain access to Spruce Manor causing damage to the magnetic lock. Zachary will be referred judicially for this matter.

- **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mansfield University Police Department would like to remind any student that has unpaid parking tickets that all parking fines need to be paid prior to leaving campus at the end of the semester. Failure to do so will result in a hold being placed on your academic records, restricting registration for classes and the ability to obtain your transcripts or diplomas. Payments can be made online at parking.mansfield.edu or 24 hours a day at the University Police Department first floor Doane Center. If you have any questions please call 570-662-4900. Thank you. If you are unsure whether or not you have any unpaid tickets, log onto parking.mansfield.edu with your ID number and any unpaid tickets will show.

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

-4/14/15- N.C. investigators look into possibility of hate crime in college shooting

- Relatives of Wayne Community College shooting victim say he was gay, local media report

- The suspect had worked for the victim but was let go, college president says

- The suspect, Kenneth Morgan Stancil III, was found sleeping on a Florida beach and arrested

-4/14/15- Briny puddles could dot Mars, new research says

- Analysis of Martian weather seems to support the idea that the planet could be dotted with salty puddles at night

- The finding has "wider implications" for efforts to find evidence of life on Mars, a researcher says

-4/14/15- Ex-Blackwater contractors sentenced in Nusoor Square shooting in Iraq

- Blackwater sniper Nicholas Slatten is sentenced to life in prison, mandatory for his first-degree murder conviction

- Three others get 30 years plus one day in the 2007 shooting in Baghdad that left 17 dead

-4/14/15- A Yazidi captive's tale: Sold by ISIS as a sex slave

- Hanan, 19, was captured by ISIS when militants took the town of Sinjar

- She was among the women and girls separated to be sold as sex slaves

-4/14/15- Rita Wilson reveals cancer fight

- Rita Wilson reveals that she was treated for breast cancer

- Wilson sought a second opinion after biopsies found no cancer

Sigma Tau Gamma and Alpha Sigma Alpha clean up campus

By LORI ENGLE
News Editor

Alpha Sigma Alpha teams up with Sigma Tau Gamma to do a campus wide clean-up.

On Sunday, April 12, 2015, Sigma Tau Gamma, with the help of Alpha Sigma Alpha, cleaned up the campus.

Joe Cantale, Sigma Tau Gamma's service chair, organized the campus clean up event. His brothers were more than happy to do the community service. Between the two organizations, there were 11 volunteers that split into teams. "We wanted to divide and conquer separate parts of the campus," Cantale said about the game plan. "In a little over an hour, we managed to pick up 10 pounds of trash which doesn't seem like much but you have to consider the lightweight packaging." When asked what the most thing they picked up was, Cantale said "the most common form of trash found was cigarette butts, even though campus has lots of smoker stations to dispose of them properly."

Sigma Tau Gamma was not interested in good public relations. All they wanted out of this event was to put their time and energy into cleaning up the campus.

Cantale asked Bethanie Fern, Alpha Sigma Alpha's service and giving chair for help during this event. "It's a great way to get out on campus and interact with other students and a good organization like Sig Tau," Fern said.

Not only did these two organizations help, but an alumni from each organization also came back to Mansfield to assist in the campus clean-up. "It is nice seeing the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma team up with the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha to spend a few hours of their day cleaning up campus" Anthony W. Confer, an alum of Sigma Tau Gamma, said. Anthony goes on to say, "I am very proud of the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma for all of their hard work. On Saturday, they spent day at the Lawrenceville Fire Company helping out with a Red Cross event and today they are cleaning up campus" When asked the Anthony thinks about the event, he said "Sig Tau is founded on building men of principle and community service, projects such as this reinforce that fact".

Confer's wife Heather is an alum from Alpha Sigma Alpha. Heather said, "Anytime the fraternities and sororities can give back to Mansfield University, it reflects on the quality of men and women associated with those organizations. These young men and women work hard at making a difference".

Sigma Tau Gamma is a national college fraternity founded in 1920 by educators and

by veterans of the First World War. Founded as a society of men who endeavor to pursue the highest ideals of Manhood, Brotherhood, and Citizenship, its members dedicate themselves to a Path of Principles: value, learning, leadership excellence, benefit and integrity. Sigma Tau Gamma, Gammy Alpha Chapter at Mansfield University, was installed in 1965. Sigma Tau Gamma supports BACCHUS and Books for Kids. BUCCHUS is a network of more than 8,000 student leaders and advisors who work with over four million peers on more than 330 campuses nationwide. These student leaders and advisors support the achievement of students' academic and personal success by building skills in student leaders to address campus health and safety issues.

Alpha Sigma Alpha is a nation sorority founded on November 15, 1901 at Longwood College (now Longwood University) in Virginia. Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Epsilon Chapter at Mansfield University, was installed in 1970. On the national level, as well as locally the sorority supports the ASA Foundation, Girls On The Run, Special Olympics Campaign as well as the S. June Smith Center.

Alpha Sigma Alpha encourages its members to live their life through the eight core values that it holds so dearly.

For more information about Sigma Tau Gamma visit their website at <http://sigmataugamma.org>. For more information about Alpha Sigma Alpha visit their website at <http://www.alphasigmaalpha.org>.

All of the information in this ad was attained on the above two websites and by interviews with the service chairs and alum.

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HEATHER W. CONFER

(Top Row L-R): Tony Confer, Taylor Leatherman, Dean Lucia, Joe Cantale (Middle Row L-R) Tafshir Bah, Bethanie Fern, Caitlyn Daly, Ben Hurley, Carl Roberts, Micheal Quigley (Bottom Row L-R) Mason Maye, Brayden Confer, and Devin Zeyher



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PSECU to offer fall in-ternship opportunities

"Operation Goodies" unites community and veterans

By **EMILY SHOSH**
Staff Writer

Pennsylvania's largest Credit Union, Penn-sylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU), is accepting applications for a student intern for the 2015 Fall Semester.

Position responsibilities include: promote PSECU membership on campus through contact with students, faculty and staff; inform/educate others about PSECU services and products; organize and conduct

group presentations; manage interest tables on campus; assist in the membership applica-tion process. Candidates must be a full time Mansfield University student, possess effec-tive communication skills, be able to develop and utilize creative approaches for promoting membership in PSECU.

Previous experience in customer service preferred. Successful candidates will be required to participate in training sessions upon hire. Contact David Sikorski, e-Center Manager at dsikorski@psecu.com, or 570-662-8635, or stop in at the PSECU e-Center, located in Lower Manser Hall.

A Mansfield University Public Relations Workshop group hosted "Operation Good-ies" on Thursday April 9, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. to raise awareness and money for the non - profit organization Goodies For Our Troops. The event raised funds to donate to Goodies.

Many military personnel in the area have benefitted from the efforts of Goodies For Our Troops.

"It was an honor to attend Operation Goodies and Goodies For Our Troops. Being retired military and having received pack-ages from home while deployed was always

something I looked forward to," said Roger Bunn, Tioga County Commissioner.

Some of these local business helped make this event possible: J&R Upholstery, Shop 607, Attorney Rita G. Alexyn, Papa Vs Pizzeria, First Citizens Northern Bank, Red Rose Antique, Encore Tanning, Strohecker Vision Care, Farmer's Insurance - Christina Jenkins, Gramma's Kitchen, Night and Day Café, Oswald Cycle Works, Studio Six, Pizza Hut and Perkins.

From Taylor Stupski, Leader of Mansfield's Public Relations Workshop group.

** SGA did not meet this past week.*

There will be a regularly scheduled meeting this Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. and subsequent article in our last issue the next Friday.

Thanks for your understanding,
Dean Lee - Editor-in-Chief

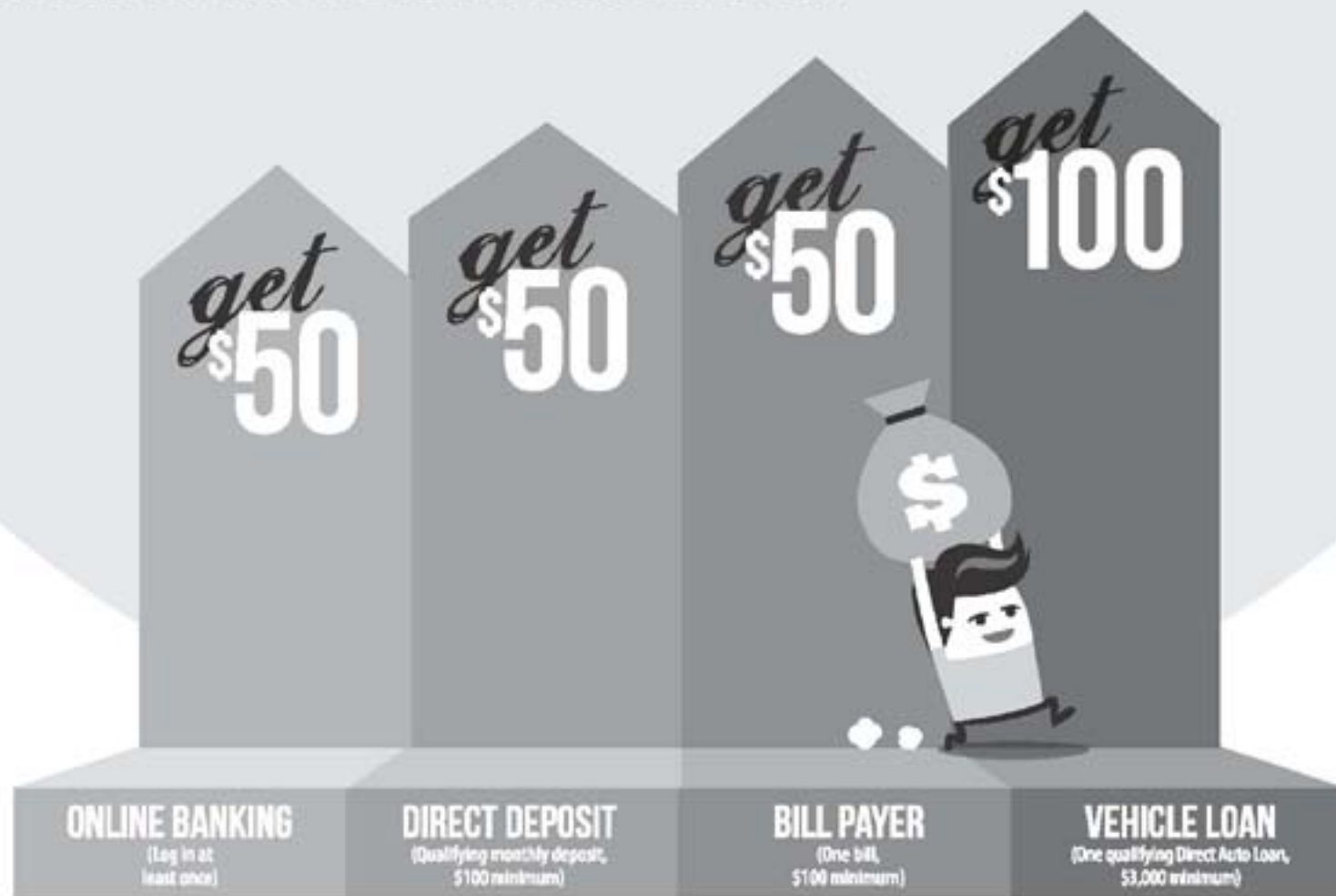
The Flashlight needs writers like you!

If you would like to write for The Flashlight come on down to 2M Alumni Hall Stu-dent Center, or send your story ideas and articles to flashlit@mansfield.edu.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
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17 - All Day Admissions Visit: Kipp Charter Bus Group - 6:00 PM Instrument Repair Workshop - 9:00 p.m. Friday Night Movies at The Hut	18 - 9:00 AM The BIG Event 10:00 AM Instrument Repair Workshop	19 - 2:30 PM Concert Wind Ensemble - 5:30 PM Lena Monroe, Junior Flute Recital	20 - 6:00 PM Real Estate Pre-License Courses - 7:30 PM Student Composer's Recital	21 - 7:30 PM Percussion Ensemble Concert - 8:00 PM United Campus Ministry Bible Study	22 - 6:00 PM Admis-sions: Financial Aid Workshop - 6:00 PM Guitar Studio Recital	23 - 11:30 AM United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 6:00 PM Real Estate Pre-License Courses
24 - 7:30 p.m. Instru-mental and Vocal Jazz Festival - 9:00 p.m. Friday Night Movies at The Hut	25 - 2:30 p.m. Symphon-ic Band Concert - 5:00 p.m. Trumpet Studio Recital - 7:30 p.m. Concert Choir Home Tour Concert	26 - 2:30 p.m. Orchestra Concerto Competi-tion Concert - 5:00 p.m. Pinyi Song Voice and Piano Recital	27 - 5:30 p.m. Shosh - Sensenig Voice Recital - 7:30 p.m. Brass Band Concert - 8:00 p.m. Monday Recreation at The Hut	28 - 8:00 p.m. United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	29 - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Open Mic Night at The Hut	30 - 11:30 a.m. United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. Chamber Singers: Humor in Music Concert

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Opinion

“from the editor’s desk”



Editorial

Our Millennial Mentality

By **EMILY SHOSH**
Staff Writer

This University is made up of so many different people. Some are from New York, some from Philly, a few are local to Mansfield, and some are from a world away. Someone you meet today might have parents who make enough money to feed a small village for a year, and someone you’ll meet tomorrow might come from a family with next to nothing.

Different majors, personalities, activities, and lifestyles churn on campus daily. Despite all these differences, there is one thing that most of us share, and unfortunately, it is not a good thing. I have constantly seen this thing rear its ugly head for four years. As a generation, we share an endless and selfish desire to seek entitlement to anything and everything – our prerogative to have it all, and to get it as easy as possible.

We all probably grew up being told, “You are special.” Our parents taught us that we are extraordinary and unique and amazing. All us girls are as beautiful as a princess and the boys will someday be as successful as Bill Gates. Although many of these child-rearing mantras and methods had good intentions, they also had many flaws. In trying to make us feel special, our parents gave us a false sense of exclusiveness and su-

periority. They unknowingly made us think we were born utterly perfect, which in our more adult lives has translated to entitlement. It seems to have been ingrained in our heads that the world is ours for the taking, except it will not have to be taken – it will be given.

To boot, our greedy hands pry at freebies and handouts like a toddler stealing cookies from a cookie jar. When something doesn’t go our way, we can’t ever understand why we didn’t get what we wanted – we kick and scream and bite and claw our way into getting it.

Basically, short attention spans and poor problem solving skills lead to outraged students.

When we don’t get our refund checks on time, free promotional items from the university, our half-assed good grade, or our cheap and easy meal, we are sent into a rampage from which no faculty worker, waitress, roommate, or teacher is safe. Our generation knows all too well that we live in a world where the customer is always right, and milks it for all its worth.

In my opinion, the biggest caveat to this mentality is the sheer selfish blindness in it - the inability to understand problems beyond our own. When things so south, get hard, and aren’t simple, we think we have it rough. Without falter, we think that no one else could possibly comprehend our troubles, and that no one could

possibly experience the same hard times.

The fact is - you can never know the true extent of someone else’s struggle. Perhaps you feel downright wronged and abandoned now that your parents have stopped paying your tuition – maybe the “lazy” fat guy in your algebra class works long days to pay his own way through school and comes home to a ramshackle apartment where he just keeps going – he does his numerous chores and even finds time to catch-up on his homework. We are too close-minded and egocentric to think about his life - far too caught up in our own petty troubles.

This generational flaw is undeniable, but not incurable. First, we need to know that to achieve anything in life and to truly be proud of it, we have to put in the effort to get there. No matter what your background is, how easy or hard your life has been, or who your parents are, you must earn the things you want. Second, we need to know that we shouldn’t have it all, because these things we wantonly collect will have no real meaning or significance because we will move on to the next coveted material. Most importantly, never assume your life is harder than someone else’s. Life can be hard, but how you get through it defines who you are.

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The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel's Tragic Life

By **LORI ENGLE**
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Daisy

As Daniel lay unconscious in his bed, I ran over to his side frantically.

"What did you do to him?" I said as I held Daniel's hand.

"Don't worry, dear. I just gave him something to help him sleep." The nurse smiled then walked out of the room shutting the door behind her. There was something about this nurse. Something that I didn't like. I held Daniel's hand for a little longer then walked out of the room.

"Doctor. I need to have a word with you." I said as I crossed my arms. The doctor stopped talking and looked at me smiling. He wasn't bad for a doctor. He reminded me of that hot doctor that everyone was obsessed over in that doctor show on TV.

"What can I help you with, Daisy?" Dr. Miller continued to smile as he gave me his full attention.

"There was a nurse that was helping my brother. There was something off with her. Her name was Katie."

"Katie? I have been working here for many years now and we have never had a nurse named Katie. How would you describe her?"

"Well, she is skinny, blonde, about my height."

"Doesn't sound like anyone that works

here. I will look into it, Daisy." He smiled and walked away going back to work.

In the time it takes him to look into it, Daniel could be dead. I walked down the hall, up the stairs, and toward the ICU. The ICU was guarded by three cops. There was no way I was getting in there. I leaned on the wall and waited. Minutes if not hours passed and nothing happened. I was starting to fall asleep leaning on the wall when "Nurse Katie" walked over smiled at the guard then walked through. They just let her through. Maybe I need to invest in a nurse outfit.

Katie walked over to JDU and kisses his forehead. My jaw dropped to the floor. She is in love with him...no wonder she's helping him. I have to go back and tell Daniel. Just as I started to back up, Katie looked over at me. Her eyes burned with hatred as she headed outside of the ICU. I turned around and ran toward the stairs. Flinging open the door, I started to run down the stairs. I heard the door swing open behind me as gun shots rang through the stairs.

I slammed my back against the wall hiding where she couldn't see me. The gunfire stopped. I hoped that this was the end.

"Oh, Daisy my dear. You shouldn't have been so nosey." Katie's voice echoed through the stairs. Her voice was followed by the stairs door shutting hard. I continued running down the stairs toward the third floor where Daniel's room was.

Once I got to the floor, the hallway went black. The emergency lights started

to flash red. That fake nurse cut the power. The flashing red lights lit up the hallway just enough that I could see. Nurses and doctors ran around to check on the patients. I guess they just wanted to make sure the machines were still running.

I looked into one of the rooms to check. I didn't want anyone dying because JDU has some crazy grudge against my family. The machine was still acting normally. Thank goodness. There was a loud bang at the end of the hall. I looked down and noticed there was no emergency light at that end, so of course it was pitch black.

I headed down the dark hallway slowly picking up a hospital rod. If I had to go into a fight with this pain then I wanted to at least be armed. I found my way to Daniel's room and opened the door. Daniel was still sleeping. I walked over and laid my hand on his looking around the room. It was dark. I couldn't see anything but the dim light from the moon shining through the blinds.

"Daisy?" Daniel woke up and looked at me.

"Hey. Don't worry. The power just went out"

"Daisy" Daniel said smiling up at me. I'm glad he felt good enough to be smiling. I hated seeing my brother lying in a hospital bed.

"Yeah, Daniel?" I sat down on the edge of the bed keeping my hand on his.

"You are a terrible liar" Daniel said smirking at me.

"Well brother, there is nothing you can do about it. Stay in bed and let me take care of you." I patted his shoulder then stood up and faced the door again rod in hand. If someone comes through that door, I was ready for them.

I sat in Daniel's room for what seemed like forever. His loud snoring assured me that he was indeed asleep. I walked outside of his room pulling a hospital bed against the door. This way he can get out, but no one can get in without making a noise.

I headed down the hallway slowly. I wanted to find Katie. I needed to find her before she found me. If I could get the upper advantage on her, then maybe I could end this. End the nightmare that is my life. I could go back to the bakery. Daniel could go back to school. He would have all of the girls after him with his new battle wound. Girls are into that stuff, right?

"Daisy" I heard a voice speak behind me. I turned around to see Katie standing a few feet in front of me. I backed up bumping into a muscular body. I turned around looking right into the eyes of the devil. JDU had woken from his coma. How the hell could someone so human wake up from something so deadly?

"Hello there, Daisy" JDU smiled evilly as he grabbed my neck tightly pulling me closer to him. "I am so glad we get another chance to talk. Our last one was cut way too short."

Book Review: Cinder of the Lunar Chronicles

By **HEATHER RITTER**
Sports Editor

As finals approach it is easy to get lost in the crunch time of churning out research papers and studying for exams.

The best way to take a break from all of your hectic schoolwork is to sit down with an incredible book like Cinder.

Cinder by Marissa Meyer is a novel that is not your typical young adult read. Filled with female leads, action, magic, and science, this futuristic dystopian book takes readers on a journey through a world that is post World War IV.

The book is the first in the Lunar Chronicles. All of the novels in the Chronicles take fairy tales we know and love—like Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, and Rapunzel—and give them a fascinating face lift.

Cinder twists our image of the traditional Cinderella story. Cinder is a cyborg mechanic in the bustling city of New Beijing. She is the breadwinner for the family, and is known as best mechanic in the city.

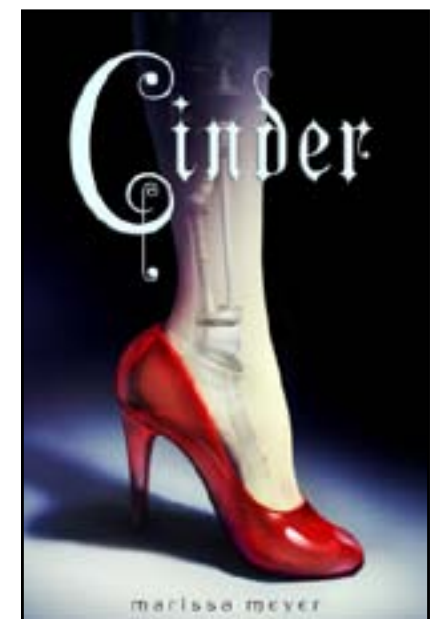
Of course, Cinder does not live a comfortable lifestyle. She is the adopted daughter to an evil stepmother who loathes her. One of her elder sisters, Peony, favors her and is kind to her, while the other treats her as though she is dirt.

In a world that is filled with a vicious plague, there does not seem to be much happiness for a second-class citizen like Cinder—until one day when the beautiful Prince Kai stops by her booth to ask for some assistance. With the help of her android friend Iko, Cinder must not only repair the Prince's personal android, but decide whether or not she is willing to help save the world.

It becomes clear that the nefarious Queen of the moon, Lavana, is intent on dominating the Commonwealth and the Earth with her evil powers of bioelectricity manipulation. (She and almost anyone else who is a "Lunar" can manipulate people to see certain things.) Cinder is the only one who can stop her.

This thrilling young adult read has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times, The Wallstreet Journal, Entertainment Weekly, and so many more for its excellence.

Meyer is a master of blending fairy tale and science fiction. Her characters are lovable, detestable, and lifelike. This first book sucks readers into Cinder's world and shows them what life could be like in a world where magic and technology mingle.



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Cinder was published in January of 2012.

Horoscopes

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ARIES

March 21 - April 19

After a lot of recent socializing, you are finally getting the chance to spend some quality time on your own. You may think you still want to be out and about enjoying the wild life today, but once you get a little taste of solitude, you will settle right in happily. This inward phase will afford you the luxury of time... feel free to ignore the rest of the world (as much as you can) and just spend your day with introspection and relaxation.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

You should have no doubts whatsoever about your abilities today! There is no room in your busy schedule for doubt, plus there is absolutely no reason for it. Not only will you be able to spot any potential problems or conflicts right away, but you will also lead the way in trying to fix them. It is time to step out of the shadows and into the limelight -- someone you admire is waiting for you to strut your stuff and put your own unique spin on things.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

You will be given a great opportunity to polish up your public image today -- that is, if you are ready to get out in the middle of the action. Can you take the heat? Because if you are flexible and up for anything, you will shine in the spotlight. Use your sense of adventure to keep yourself open to new experiences when they come your way. There's a high level of energy buzzing around you, and it will help bolster your courage and keep you relaxed.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

This back-and-forth between you and another person shows no sign of slowing down... it's becoming part of the relationship dynamic. So today, if you need a break from this showdown, take it. Step back and let them take over -- let them call the shots as they see it. Chances are, without you there to balance their energy and ideas, they won't have very much fun. Being in the background will get your point across far more effectively than confrontation can.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

You have been moving forward on a new goal for quite a while, and should start seeing real progress today. If you don't feel like you are far enough along then backing out of this situation is not an option. You are in the thick of things, and you might as well keep on going -- things will start looking more promising soon. Right now you can try to get more comfortable with your surroundings if you understand the processes going on. Ask a few questions and get informed.

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

If you never stop to smell the roses, you will never know how sweet life can truly be. There is no need to rush around today -- despite what anyone else may say. You are in a period of fullness right now, where a lot of what you have been working for has finally been integrated into your life. But you won't realize this unless you slow down and coast for a while. There's no need to put out every fire that ignites. Sometimes the chaos of life can be enriching.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

There is quite a mystery going on between two people you know, and it will hold extra fascination for you today. They could be either professional or social acquaintances, so keep your eyes and ears open wherever you go. If you can connect the dots and do a little educated guessing, you just may solve the mystery. Have fun with this, and do not be afraid of using a healthy dose of bravado. If you play your cards right, you can bluff this one to victory.

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

All the hardest parts of your life are over -- and the fun times are about to begin. Just like the feeling you get when you are coasting down a hill on your bicycle, you will feel free and unencumbered by the forces of life today. You are riding a wave of energy that you didn't necessarily create, but it is taking you to a very good destination. Get ready for some entertaining challenges that could transform the social world you currently live in.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

A lot of people have been listening to your ideas lately -- and some of them have been listening a little too closely. If you have been detecting a copycat in your midst, today is the day to do something about it. They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but it can also be a huge source of annoyance. Instead of focusing too much of your energy on putting someone in their place, focus on the fact that they admired you so much in the first place.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

There's one simple way to make the next few weeks of your life easier: Let go of all the things you can't control. Yes, this is easier said than done, but once you start to make the effort, you will immediately get a taste of the freedom it brings. Sometimes, guilt can keep you from moving away from old setbacks, bad relationships or other unpleasant dramas. If you're feeling guilty, ask yourself why. There's no way to go back in time. The only option is to keep going forward!

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

There are going to be so many opportunities popping up today that unless you take advantage of at least one of them, you will regret it later. What you do on this day will dictate what happens for you tomorrow, so set up your future by being as proactive as possible. Putting ideas to work is more important than completing anything right now -- it's even more important than making progress. So focus on starting new things and getting help from as many other people as possible.

PISCES

February 19 - March 20

If there are some new ideas floating around today that make you feel uncomfortable, then those are the ideas you need to pay attention to most. It is time to stretch your boundaries right now and step into a new experience, or at least make a new beginning toward a familiar goal. There is a new energy in your step, a new outlook on the same old circumstances. This is a great day to give something 'one more try.' This time the outcome will be more like what you want it to be.

TV Review: Charlie Cox puts Ben Affleck to shame as Daredevil

By EVAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Daredevil is a ground-breaking new television series based in the Marvel cinematic universe. Nothing like this has ever been done before by Marvel, at least on television. Over the years Marvel has pushed the boundaries with The Punisher films, but Marvel has not made that many television series based on their characters and what series do exist, I see them as extensions of the Marvel films. Daredevil on the other hand, has made a world all in its own, despite being part of the Marvel cinematic universe.

In case you are unfamiliar with the story, Daredevil follows the adventures of Matt Murdock, a lawyer by day and masked vigilante by night. His nemesis is Wilson Fisk a.k.a. Kingpin. The two of them battle for the fate of Hell’s Kitchen in New York City. While all this is going on, Murdock deals gets involved in other storylines with the help of a few classic Daredevil supporting characters from the comics.

Some of these characters include his best friend and comic relief, Foggy Nelson. Karen Page, Murdock and Nelson’s secretary as well as a love-interest for Murdock. Also, Ben Urich, a determined noble reporter for the New York Bulletin whose story becomes intertwined with Murdock’s story. All of these characters are wonderfully portrayed and the story is done justice in this reboot of the classic Marvel comic.

The casting in this show is a thing of

wonder. Charlie Cox (Boardwalk Empire) does an outstanding job playing the hero Matt Murdock a.k.a. The Masked Man a.k.a. Daredevil. Like many other Marvel heroes, Matt Murdock is a character with many layers. By day, Murdock is a blind defense-attorney who only wants to represent the truly innocent, despite it hurting the law practice that he and Foggy Nelson run. By night, he puts on a suit then attempts to rid Hell’s Kitchen on the criminal element and put the mysterious crime boss Wilson Fisk behind bars. Charlie Cox does a good job in portraying all-aspects of this multi-dimensional character’s life.

Vincent D’Onofrio (Full Metal Jacket and Law & Order: Criminal Intent) does a surprisingly excellent job portraying Wilson Fisk. The reason I say surprising is because he isn’t who I would picture playing Kingpin. I’ve always seen the Kingpin as a big pinhead that wields a great deal of power. Vincent D’Onofrio takes the way I’ve seen the Kingpin and then gives me something a better character that is deeper than the usual generic seemingly untouchable crime boss. He does a good job in fleshing out one of the best villains ever written in the Marvel comic universe. We get to see an interesting take on him because of the way he is portrayed in his personal relationships, and not just his professional relationships as he has been portrayed in the past. Also, we get a little back story that helps us understand why he is the way he is.

Deborah Ann Woll (True Blood) is a

natural in the way she portrays the smart, beautiful, likeable, and courageous character Karen Page. Leading female characters in comic book adaptations are generally portrayed in the same way, they are attractive women with a good personality and brains that somehow get mixed up with the superhero and his alter ego. So, the fact that Deborah Ann Woll’s portrayal sticks out from the numerous other Marvel leading women, says something in itself. Elden Henson (The Butterfly Effect and The Mighty Duck Films) does a great job playing the quirky best friend/business partner of Matt Murdock, Foggy Nelson. Foggy occasionally acts as comic relief, but unlike some comic relief characters, Foggy Nelson isn’t an incompetent fool. He is a decent defense-attorney and a great friend to Matt Murdock. The last person I feel worth mentioning is Ben Urich. Vondie Curtis-Hall (Chicago Hope) does a fairly good job in portraying Ben Urich who is an older reporter for the New York Bulletin. Although, in the comics he works for the Daily Bugle. He is trying to write real stories in a dying industry that really doesn’t appreciate his talent. To put it simple, all of the actors do a great job in portraying the characters.

The casting isn’t the only thing worth mentioning. The gritty backdrop of Hell’s Kitchen pays homage to the noir-style of filmmaking with dark alleys and abandoned buildings that add to the dark feel of Hell’s Kitchen. This dark portrayal adds to the show so much that it is almost like Hell’s Kitchen is another character. The darkness of Hell’s

Kitchen adds to the darkness that is inside of Matt Murdock and has troubled him since his tragic childhood.

In addition to casting, the mature content of the show is excellent. It is very violent, more violent than I was expecting. The creators of the show borrowed their very dark and gritty take on Daredevil from various sources, but one of the most obvious sources is Frank Miller. The initial outfit that Matt Murdock wears is based on one that Frank Miller created for Daredevil. In the 1980s, Frank Miller helped bring adult themes to what was considered a children/teenager’s comic; most notably in the 1986 Daredevil: Born Again comic book story arc.

That famous story arc deals with the typical comic book themes of revenge mixed with justice but it also deals with drug addiction, pornography and sexual abuse. It is also considered one of the best Daredevil story arcs of the 1980s. It is very clear from the first episode to the last episode of the first season that the creators borrowed a good amount from Frank Miller’s portrayal of Daredevil.

Netflix has truly done an outstanding job in bringing the character of Daredevil to life. Words can’t express how much better it is than the 2003 piece of excrement that starred Ben Affleck. Aside from the recent X-Men films, this is the best Marvel comic book adaptation that I have seen in a long time. Daredevil has successfully done what many have tried to do in the past and then some.

This is an example of what every Marvel comic adaptation should strive to be.

Word of the Week:

Paramnesia

Noun [par-am-nee-zuh]

1. Psychiatry. a distortion of memory in which fact and fantasy are confused.
2. The inability to recall the correct meaning of a word.

Quote of the Week:

“The best fiction is far more true than any journalism.”
~William Faulkner

Lyric of the Week:

“Twist it! Shake it, shake it, shake it, shake it baby!
Here we go loop di loo! Shake it out baby!
Here we go loop di lie!”
- The Blues Brothers

Fact of the Week:

Ampersand (&) used to be the 27th letter of the alphabet.

Recipe Column: Cheesy Spaghetti for Two

By MIRANDA SHULLER
Features Editor

This weeks recipe is spaghetti in a mug. Food is necessary to keep you going for your sport, job, or club activity. This week is a recipe for those carbs! You will need: 1 1/2 cup (180 grams) of spaghetti, 1 1/2 cup (355 grams) of water, 1/4 tsp of salt, 1 cup (240 gram) of half and half, 1/8 tsp of freshly grated nutmeg, 1/2 heaping cup (45 grams/1.6 oz) of shredded fontina cheese, 1/2 heaping cup (45 grams/1.6 oz) of shredded sharp cheddar, plus more for topping, 1/3 cup (20 grams/0.7 oz) of grated Parmigiano cheese, plus more for topping, Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste, 4.2 oz (120 grams) of meat, 1 clove of garlic, finely minced, 2 sprigs of fresh thyme, 1 tsp of unsalted butter.

Step 1: Break up the spaghetti into short segments. Put the segments in a microwave bowl with water and salt. Cover the bowl and microwave for 4 1/2 minutes, stir, and continue for another 4 minutes until the pasta almost soft and the water is absorbed. Add the half and half, nutmeg, cheeses to the pasta. You can season with salt and pepper. Set this bowl aside.

Step 2: divide the meat, garlic, thyme, and unsalted butter into 2 mugs. Some options for the meat would be Italian sausage, chicken, hot dogs, etc. Mix the ingredients with a fork. Microwave for 1 1/2-2 minutes then cut the meat of choice and continue cooking for about 2 more minutes.

Step 3: Divide the spaghetti and cheese mixture into the mugs then mix. Top with a little more cheese, if you wish. Microwave for about 4 minutes until hot and melty. You may want to place a paper towel underneath for spill overs.

Step 4: Serve immediately and enjoy!

Mansfield wins 4-1 over Kutztown

Courtney Bauder drilled a three-run double and Ashley Inman turned in a clutch relief effort to preserve Chelsey Heatley's first collegiate win to lead Mansfield to a 4-1 win over Kutztown in the nightcap of a PSAC East doubleheader at Helen Lutes Field Monday afternoon.

Mansfield dropped the opener 2-0.

In the nightcap, Mansfield drew first blood when freshman Melanie Taylor punched a one-out single through the right side and went to second on a single by freshman Morgan Boyce. Laura Lawson reached on a fielder's choice to load the bases. One out later, Bauder took the first pitch she saw down the right field to clear the bases and give Mansfield a 3-0 lead.

Heatley had one of her best performances of the season retiring the first eight batters of the game and pitching out of potential jams in the fourth and fifth innings.

Asja Saito singled to lead off the top of the fourth for Kutztown but Mountaineer third baseman Kayla Hahn started a nicely turned double-play to end the threat.

In the fifth, Bridget Newman led off with a double for Kutztown but Heatley got the next three batters to pop up, line out to third and fly out to left to get out of the inning unscathed.

Kutztown threatened again in the sixth when Rachel Lawes led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Saito singled to put runners on first and third with one out when Ashley Inmann, who went the distance in the opener, came in relief. Danielle Amato singled in a run but Inman struck out the next batter swinging on a full-count and got the final batter to ground out.

Leading 3-1, the Mountaineers got an insurance run in the sixth when Hahn singled to lead off the inning. Rachael Sterner followed with a single before Taylor drove in the game's final run with a sac fly to left.

Kutztown threatened again in the seventh with runners on first and third with two outs before Inman got the final batter to ground out to first to preserve the win.

Bauder drove in three runs and Taylor one while Heatley scattered five hits over 5.1 innings and struck out two while walking none to pick up her first collegiate win. Inman threw shutout ball over the final 1.2 innings to earn the save.

Savannah Nierintz went the distance for Kutztown losing for just the third time in 18 decisions this season.

In the opener, Inman and Dominique Ficara were locked in a pitching duel with Kutztown taking a 1-0 lead with an unearned run in the third.

Kutztown added another run in the fourth on an RBI single by Blayse Cholish.

Mansfield had its best scoring opportunity when Sterner led off the bottom of the fifth with a double to center and Nikki Watkins, running for Sterner moved up to third on a passed ball. Watkins was thrown out at home on a ground ball by Inman and Mansfield wouldn't threaten again.

Inman had another strong outing allowing just one earned run. Ficara picked up the win for Kutztown to improve to 8-5 on the season.

Mansfield hosts West Chester in a doubleheader April 14 starting at 2 p.m. at Helen Lutes Field.



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Destiny Foster's indoor best mile was 5:23.53.

Personal bests set at Bucknell's Bison Classic and ROC City Classic

By **HEATHER RITTER**
Sports Editor

The Mounties track and field competed at the Bucknell's Bison Classic and ROC City Classic over the weekend.

On the first day of the Bucknell Classic, the Mounties set several personal bests. Destiny Foster had a PSAC time of 17:36.54 in the 5,000 meter run. She finished 23rd.

Not too far behind her were Lauren Orosz, Kiersten Anderson, and Destiny Parks. Orosz came in 33rd with a time of 18:45.46 with Anderson on her heels at 18:57.38. Parks had a time of 19:32.74.

Ouashaun Jaquay Willis came in 97th for the Mountie men with a time of 15:54.74.

Mansfield's Kelsey Carlsen participated in the javelin and came in 20th with her attempt of 35.25 meters.

Sunday saw Mansfield wrap up the Classic with a PSAC qualifying time from Josh Tupper in the 400-meter run. He was 22nd overall with his time of 49.82.

Melanie Hartley made a personal best time in the 400-meter run, finishing 36th with a time of 1:00.39.

In the women's 800-meter, Allison Macon also made a personal best. She came in 41st at 2:19.74. For the men, Jake Portock finished 101st with a time of 2:00.11.

Charlsie Bowen pole vaulted into the top 20 of the pole vault with a height of 3.42 meters, finishing 13th for Mansfield.

Two additional personal bests were set on Saturday's ROC City Classic. Both Rachel Hohenwarter and Maryann Personius earned PRs in the hammer throw. Hohenwarter finished 22nd with her best attempt of 36.6 meters and Personius was not far behind in 27th place with her best attempt of 33.64 meters.

Angel King scored a win for the Mounties in the javelin. The throw that earned her first place was 31.85 meters.

Mansfield hosts the Mountaineer Invitational this Saturday at Maxson Track.



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Courtney Bauder started all 35 games as a freshman playing outfield.

Bloomsburg defeat Mounties

Anthony Renz crushed a monster home run in the nightcap but Bloomsburg scored four runs in the final two innings to pull out a 7-6 win in extra innings in the nightcap of a PSAC East doubleheader Monday afternoon.

Bloomsburg won the first game 14-1.

In the nightcap, Taylor Hillson led off the bottom of the first with a double to right and scored on a RBI single by Wes Baylor. Mansfield scored its second run of the inning when Renz drove in a run on a fielder's choice.

Bloomsburg cut the lead to 2-1 with a run on an RBI single by Ryan Kirman in the top of the second but Mansfield got that run back in the bottom of the third when Renz took the first pitch of the inning deep over the pine trees in left field for his fifth home of the season and a 3-1 Mansfield lead.

Bloomsburg would score twice to tie the game at 3-3 in the top of the sixth but the Mountaineers came right back with two runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning. Hillson led off the inning with a double, and after Eric Schanzenbach singled, Renz was intentionally walk with one out to load the bases. Jacob Molison the delivered a two-run single through the right side to give Mansfield a 5-3 lead.

With one out in the top of the seventh, Bloom's Damin Muth singled and moved to

second on a walk by Tim Ravel before Cy Treaster took a 3-2 pitch over the right center field fence with a three-run home run and 6-5 Bloomsburg lead.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh, Scott Rockwell hit a sky-high ball to right field that went off the glove of the diving fielder for a double. Hillson followed with a single to center to plate Rockwell and tie the score at 7-7 sending the game into extra innings.

Bloomsburg retook the lead at 8-7 when Austin Edgette homered to left with one out and Mansfield went down in order in the bottom of the inning to end the game.

Hillson went 3-4 with a pair of doubles and an RBI with Schanzenbacher, Molison and Ryan Paige each with two hits. Luke Hills started and was relieved by Zach Sacoman with Ryan Matthews taking the loss in relief.

Cody Heane went the final two innings to pick up the win for Bloomsburg with Muth going 3-5.

In the opener, Mansfield took a 1-0 lead on a RBI single by Zephah Kash in the bottom of the first but Bloomsburg to five runs in the fourth and added another five runs in the seventh to put the game out of reach.

Jeremy Mapstone started and took the loss for Mansfield while Mike Warren went the distance to earn the win for Bloomsburg.



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Taylor Hillson was the first Mountie freshman since 2007 selected to play on the all PSAC team.

Have a suggestion for April's *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to Heather Ritter at flashlit@mansfield.edu by April 24th.

"Sweep the Streets" takes place during the Big Event

If history is any indication of success, downtown Mansfield should look a lot cleaner this Saturday.

For the third year in a row Mansfield University student-athletes will take to downtown Mansfield to sweep streets and sidewalks, wash windows and pick up trash to help brighten up the community they live in.

"This is the third year we've done this," said senior sprint football player Jeremy Estremera. "But it's the first time we done it in conjunction with the Big Event so it's not just student-athletes cleaning downtown, it will [be] Mansfield students cleaning everywhere."

Sponsored by Mansfield University CHAMPS/Life Skills program as well as supported by the MU custodial and grounds department as well as MU Community and Volunteer Services, "Sweep the Streets" will be held in conjunction with the Big Event this year.

The Big Event is organized by Community and Volunteer Services under MU Student Affairs and will branch out all over to help clean up the Mansfield community from the effect of winter and early spring.

"Sweep the Streets" has commitments from more than 75 student-athletes from sprint football, field hockey, women's soccer, swimming and women's basketball. The group will meet at the clock tower in the Student Mall and descend on the downtown business district.

"It's really been a successful event in the past and I expect it to be even more successful this year," said Estremera who has been involved in a leadership role all three years. "The community has been very appreciative and it's actually something the student-athletes take a lot of pride in."



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Tommy Alexander was named to All-Rookie CAA Conference Team in 2012.

Alexander named PSAC East Pitcher of the Week

Mansfield University's Tommy Alexander was named the PSAC East Pitcher of the Week for his one-hit, complete game performance in a 7-0 win over East Stroudsburg.

Alexander was almost untouchable in going the distance with just a single in the fifth inning spoiling his attempt at a no-hitter.

The junior transfer from Old Dominion faced just four batters over the 21 minimum,

striking out four and walking three. He retired the first seven batters he faced before issuing a walk with that runner being erased by a double-play.

Alexander, who picked up his first win of the season, retired the side in order in the final frame, which included getting the final two batters to ground out to the pitcher.

Mansfield takes on Kutztown in PSAC East Doubleheader

Courtney Bauder drilled a three-run double and Ashley Inman turned in a clutch relief effort to preserve Chelsey Heatley's first collegiate win to lead Mansfield to a 4-1 win over Kutztown in the nightcap of a PSAC East doubleheader at Helen Lutes Field Monday afternoon.

Mansfield dropped the opener 2-0. In the nightcap, Mansfield drew first blood when freshman Melanie Taylor punched a one-out single through the right side and went to second on a single by freshman Morgan Boyce. Laura Lawson reached on a fielder's choice to load the bases. One out later, Bauder took the first pitch she saw down the right field to clear the bases and give Mansfield a 3-0 lead.

Heatley had one of her best performances of the season retiring the first eight batters of the game and pitching out of potential jams in the fourth and fifth innings.

Asja Saito singled to lead off the top of the fourth for Kutztown but Mountaineer third baseman Kayla Hahn started a nicely turned double-play to end the threat.

In the fifth, Bridget Newman led off with a double for Kutztown but Heatley got the next three batters to pop up, line out to third and fly out to left to get out of the inning unscathed.



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Chelsey Heatley was named Outstanding Female Athlete in 2013.

Kutztown threatened again in the sixth when Rachel Lawes led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Saito singled to put runners on first and third with one out when Ashley Inmann, who went the distance in the opener, came in relief. Danielle Amato singled in a

run but Inman struck out the next batter swinging on a full-count and got the final batter to ground out.

Leading 3-1, the Mountaineers got an insurance run in the sixth when Hahn singled to lead off the inning. Rachael Sterner followed with a single before Taylor drove in the game's final run

with a sac fly to left. Kutztown threatened again in the seventh with runners on first and third with two outs before Inman got the final batter to ground out to first to preserve the win.

Bauder drove in three runs and Taylor one while Heatley scattered five hits over 5.1 innings and struck out two while walking none to pick up her first collegiate win. Inman threw shutout ball over the final 1.2 innings to earn the save.

Savannah Nierintz went the distance for Kutztown losing for just the third time in 18 decisions this season.

In the opener, Inman and Dominique Ficara were locked in a pitching duel with Kutztown taking a 1-0 lead with an unearned run in the third.

Kutztown added another run in the fourth on an RBI single by Blayse Cholish.

Mansfield had its best scoring opportunity when Sterner led off the bottom of the fifth with a double to center and Nikki Watkins, running for Sterner moved up to third on a passed ball. Watkins was thrown out at home on a ground ball by Inman and Mansfield wouldn't threaten again.

Inman had another strong outing allowing just one earned run. Ficara picked up the win for Kutztown to improve to 8-5 on the season.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
17 -Softball at Lock Haven University 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. -Baseball at Lock Haven University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	18 -Women's and men's track Mountaineer Invitational -Softball at Millersville University 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball at Lock Haven University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	19	20	21 -Baseball at Pennsylvania College of Technology @ 2 & 4 p.m.	22 -Baseball at Clarion University @ 1 & 3 p.m.	23 -Women's and men's track at Penn Relays
24 -Women's and men's track at Penn Relays -Softball v. East Stroudsburg Uni @ 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. -Baseball v. Millersville Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m.	25 -Women's and men's track at Penn Relays -Softball v. Shippensburg Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball v. Millersville Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m.	26 -Women's and men's track at Big Red Invitational	27	28	29 -Baseball v. PSAC Championship	30 -Baseball v. PSAC Championship -Softball v. PSAC Championship -Women's and men's track PSAC Outdoor Championships

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More than 300 Mansfield University students helped the community during the event.

“The Big Event” brings Mansfield University students out in force

More than 300 Mansfield University students, along with staff and faculty, were out in force on Saturday, April 18 for “The Big Event,” a day-long community service project.

“This is such an impressive gathering of young men and women who are ready to go out and make a change in some aspect of our community today,” Mansfield University President Fran Hendricks told the students before they headed out on their assignments. “Whether its cleaning something up, fixing

something or helping someone in some way, today you will make a change in someone else’s life and make a contribution to our community.”

The volunteers completed projects in the Mansfield and Wellsboro area including cleaning streets and trails, parks, churches and along highways in the Mansfield area.

They also performed maintenance to get the fields ready for Mansfield Little League’s upcoming season, helped out at the

Mansfield Food Pantry, HAVEN of Tioga County and Animal Care Sanctuary. Volunteers also packed the clothing donated to the Collection Collaboration Campaign for El Salvador and Tioga County, among other projects.

“Our goal is to complete one thousand hours of community service today,” Frank Crofchick Mansfield University Community Conduct officer and Service coordinator and Big Event coordinator,” said. “I think today’s turnout shows how committed our


students are to community service. It’s a great day to be a Mountie.”

In addition to the students, Crofchick credits the Student Government Association (SGA), his co-workers and student-workers in the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Division and the Community Service Club for making “The Big Event” a success.

For more information on community and volunteer services at Mansfield University, go to mansfield.edu/community-service2


Weekly Weather

Friday

 Cloudy


High:48 Low:29

Saturday

 Cloudy


High:57 Low:33

Sunday

 Cloudy


High:57 Low:35

Monday

 Sunny


High:57 Low:37

Tuesday

 Rain


High:58 Low:39

Wednesday

 Rain

High:56 Low:39

Thursday

 Rain

High:62 Low:40

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Campus Bulletin Board

- There will be a Safe Zone/Ally training conducted on Friday, April 24, 2015 in Alumni Hall Student Center 312 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Safe Zone/Ally is a program designed to provide awareness and understanding of the campus GLBT community and a greater sense of safety. If you are interested in becoming a Safe Zone member (faculty and staff) or Ally (students) please send an email to Dr. Chuck Hoy at choy@mansfield.edu. There are only 20 places available.

- Bring a non-perishable food item to be placed in the collection boxes located in the Steadman Theatre Lobby and outside Butler Room 108, Music Department Office. Canned items, cereals, pasta, soups, sauces, etc., will be collected through the month of March and donated to the Mansfield Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Mansfield University Double Reed Society.

- The Mansfield University Brass Band (MUBB), under the direction of Nathan Rinnert, will perform in concert on April 27, 7:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public. The concert program will include contest pieces, along with other brass band repertoire, solos and chamber ensembles.

- Since you're a student at this school, one of PA's largest credit unions has a special deal for you. When you join PSECU and satisfy the requirements, you can receive up to \$250 in bonuses. Visit the PSECU Office in Lower Manser Hall to get all the promotion details and apply for membership, or go to beyourchange.com/get50. PSECU is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration. Equal Opportunity Lender.

- A PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union) Cap & Gown Promotion will begin on Monday, March 16, 2015 and run until April 24, 2015. Informational posters are around campus and in the Mountie Den. PSECU members who are graduating in May 2015 can go to the PSECU Office and get a voucher to cover the cost, \$28.06, of a cap and gown (first come, first served until vouchers are gone). A valid Mansfield University ID, Driver's License or State ID and verification of your PSECU Account is required. This amount does not provide for the hood that goes with the cap & gown. Students will have to pay for the hood separately. Any graduating senior who is not a PSECU member is eligible to join PSECU during the promotion dates in order to take advantage of this offer. Membership in PSECU is free. Stop into the PSECU office located in Lower Manser Hall for further details.

-- Learn about German culture through the lens of movies! The course is taught in English and all films have English subtitles. WLC 2510 Introduction to German Film is offered Fall 2015, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30 p.m. -2:20 p.m. The instructor will be Dr. Brad Holtman. The course counts for General Education, Global Perspectives, Option 2. This course is taught in English and introduces students to film as a mirror of German culture, offering a cross-section of typical sociopolitical and cultural themes. Topics may include Expressionist films and their relation to art and literature, films from divided Germany with perspectives from West and East, films about coming to grips with the Nazi German past, and trends in German cinema since the reunification in 1990. Students will become acquainted with some of the important figures in German cinema and will examine contemporary issues in society via the film medium. Evaluations include class discussion, reaction papers, quizzes, exams, and/or projects.

POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**

Due to good behavior, there will be no police beat this week. I'm sorry for any inconvenience or sad feelings this may have caused. Good luck on finals and enjoy the rest of your semester. Stay safe during Summer Break and see you all in the Fall!

The Mansfield University Police Department would like to remind any student that has unpaid parking tickets that all parking fines need to be paid prior to leaving campus at the end of the semester. Failure to do so will result in a hold being placed on your academic records, restricting registration for classes and the ability to obtain your transcripts or diplomas. Payments can be made online at parking.mansfield.edu or 24 hours a day at the University Police Department first floor Doane Center. If you have any questions please call 570-662-4900. Thank you. If you are unsure whether or not you have any unpaid tickets, log onto parking.mansfield.edu with your ID number and any unpaid tickets will show.

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

-4/21/15- **Eating toothpaste, avoiding gangs: Why migrants head to Mediterranean**

- Would-be immigrants come from more than 20 countries to North Africa to cross Mediterranean to Europe

- They risk their lives crossing deserts and mountains; many are robbed or cheated as they try to reach the Libyan coast

-4/21/15- **How ISIS controls life, from birth to foosball**

- ISIS is known for brutal takeovers and medieval justice, but it sees itself as a state

- Official documents show just how far their rules affect daily life

-4/21/15- **South African troops to help police stem immigrant attacks**

- Defense minister says police are spread too thin trying to prevent attacks on immigrants

- Seven people have been killed in recent violence against poorer immigrants

-4/21/15- **Utah mom admits killing 6 babies after giving birth**

- The infants' bodies were discovered at a home where the woman used to live

- They were wrapped in towels or shirts and placed in cardboard boxes

-4/21/15- **U.S. warships to monitor ships traveling from Iran**

- U.S. Navy moves aircraft carrier, cruiser to waters near Yemen

- U.S., allied ships prepared to intercept Iranian vessel if they enter Yemen's waters

- Iranian admiral says his country's ships operating legally

Mansfield biology students present research findings at state conference

Three Mansfield University Biology majors made presentations at the annual meeting of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists (CPUB) at Indiana University of Pennsylvania on April 11.

Michelle McKissick (Wellsboro, Pennsylvania), mentored by Associate Professor Jeanne Kagle, presented and won a first place award in the Cellular/Molecular category.

Zachary Holcomb (Grand Valley, Pennsylvania), mentored by Associate Professor Steve Stein, and Donald Benkendorf (Willow Street, Pennsylvania), mentored by Professor John Kirby, presented in the Ecology/Evolution/Organismal category.

Benkendorf was recognized as the outstanding Biology student from Mansfield University.

Professor Bob Maris is Mansfield's CPUB director and the CPUB Student Presentation Judging Coordinator.

Mansfield will host the 2018 CPUB meeting. To learn more about the Biology program at Mansfield, go to mansfield.edu/



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(L-R) Professor Bob Maris, Donald Benkendorf, Zachary Holcomb, Michelle McKissick

biology. CPUB is comprised of faculty and students from the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institutions.



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Mansfield program provides relief to students

At Mansfield University, students come for haircut and some pizza as part of the "Advice and A Slice: Round Table Discussion", but leave with a lot more.

Started by Director of Minority Mentoring Jason Roscoe with a Conversation for Diversity Grant in 2012, the program, which is open to all Mansfield University students but specifically targets African American males and other underrepresented minority groups on campus, is held several times a semester. It rotates between trips to Hold the Phone Barbershop in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and the barber coming to campus.

"Being proud alumnus of Mansfield University, both graduate and undergraduate, and now a faculty member, I have experienced some of the obstacles that our African American male students deal with on a day-to-day basis in rural Tioga County," Roscoe said. "Having participated in the University Visit Days assisting with recruitment of minority students as well as student athletes of color, the first questions that a student will usually ask is 'where can I get my haircut around here?' I had to inform students that the closest place is located in Williamsport. I reached to a personal friend of mine, Jerome Jackson who owns Hold the Phone Barbershop in Williamsport. He is a licensed barber in the state of Pennsylvania and he

was also my barber when I was a student at Mansfield University. When I presented the idea to Mr. Jackson, he said absolutely."

In addition to the grant that started the program, Roscoe received funds from an Instructional Equipment Grant that allowed him to purchase a barber chair for the campus sessions.

"I believe it is important for people to understand the history and role of the barbershop in the African American community specifically," Roscoe said. "The barbershop is a microcosm of black communities in the U.S. The barbershop is a place where you can be yourself. A barber is just not a barber, he is often becomes a friend, confidant, psychologist, oracle, mind-reader, and anything that you need him to be that day. The barbershop is a place where people who had no voice, could have a voice. The barbershop in urban communities has been used as an outreach station to make the black community aware of services that will save their life. The barber is the creator of 'the look' a man presents to the world. Any special event, preparation starts with a haircut. A haircut can literally change how a man feels and can do wonders to his confidence. This program is open to all Mansfield University students but specifically targets African American males other minority group on campus. This program provides

students with the opportunity to engage in a broad range of conversations."

The program include discussions with community leaders, faculty members and upper division students, who act as mentors. Topics of discussion range from academic policy, procedures and current events to just about anything else participants want to talk about. Among the guest speakers have been MU President Fran Hendricks, retired Mansfield University Professor Vince Jenkins, Dwayne Marshall, professor in Criminal Justice Department at Lock Haven University, Alan Zellner, Social Equity and Multicultural Affairs Officer at Mansfield University, and the barber himself, Jerome Jackson, among others.

"The actual haircut the students receive is just one aspect of the event," Deb Rotella, chair of the Department of Academic & Human Development said. "In reality, by attending these events the participants are immersed in academic discussion about current and relevant issues facing black men in the world today."

Roscoe was a guest presenter at Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education in Harrisburg in March. The presentation was titled "Man Up: Innovative Approaches to Minority Male Success."

"After my presentation, I was complimented and contacted by a couple

of colleagues within the State System who would like to collaborate and possibly make this a much larger event traveling to various campuses and having dialogue which would make the barbershop 'mobile.' Dr. Victoria Sanders, PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education) assistant vice-chancellor and Title IX coordinator, sat in on the presentation and afterwards talking about the possibility of exploring grant opportunities to help support the idea."

Roscoe is hopefully of expanding the "Advice and A Slice" program as well as several others aimed at inclusion and making students feel more welcome.

"I commend Professor Roscoe on his project," Rotella said. "This program continues to grow and has become a visible, effective and innovative mode of delivery for student support services."

Roscoe credits Rotella, President Hendricks, Director of Student Activities Steve Plesac, Social Equity and Multicultural Affairs Officer Alan Zellner and Associate Vice President of Residence Life Chuck Colby for their support.

For more information on the Department of Academic and Human Development and the support services offered, go to mansfield.edu/ahdev.

SGA President pushes for organization invovlement

By DEAN LEE
Editor-in-chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) reconvened after a week break this Tuesday, April 21. The organization tabled two motions that would affect student organizations. Both were a request to motion by the SGA President, Brett Helmus.

The first motion would be add a line to the duties of a House Representative – this motion would require a House Rep. to serve on one or more SGA subcommittee such as: Committee on Finance (CoF), Administration Committee, Public Relations Committee, Spirit Committee, and the Community Service Committee/ Campus Beautification Committee.

The rationale for the motion was that if a House Rep. held the same status as a Senator, then the House Rep. should have some of the same duties.

The second motion was to add a line to state: that if any organization is to receive \$10,000 or more in funding from SGA, then they would have to have a House Representative present at the Student Government Association meetings.

This motion would make it that a majority of organizations would have to send a representative to SGA, just for the reason that they need-

ed more money than a different organization.

Being which, if the motion passes then the organization could send a reprensentative to strike that line to not have the need for a House Rep. from any organization.

Both motions at first were passed, but during public comments, a member of the public noted that, that was a violation of the rules. So the president of SGA motioned to revisit, and then the two motions were tabled.

As stated in the SGA Bylaws, Helmus gave his plan of action as the new SGA President. He stated that SGA was not proactive enough, and that he wanted to recruit more people. Helmus said that SGA’s responsibility is to lead the student body.

SGA plans to reactivate the programming committee of SGA, this committee will be in charge of the events that SGA hosts.

The allocated account balance of SGA holds at \$28,000, the unallocated account is \$55,000, and the CoF Capital account has \$57,000.

There are plans for more policy changes and to get an SGA banner for recruitment purposes.

They did not have a meeting the previous week due to complication in room scheduling and other such problems.



CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
24 - 7:30 p.m. Instru- mental and Vocal Jazz Festival - 9:00 p.m. Friday Night Movies at The Hut	25 -2:30 p.m. Symphonic Band Concert - 5:00 p.m. Trumpet Studio Recital - 7:30 p.m. Concert Choir Home Tour Concert	26 - 2:30 p.m. Orchestra Concerto Competi- tion Concert - 5:00 p.m. Pinyi Song Voice and Piano Recital	27 - 5:30 p.m. Shosh - Sensenig Voice Recital - 7:30 p.m. Brass Band Concert - 8:00 p.m. Monday Recreation at The Hut	28 - 8:00 p.m. United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Team Trivia at The Hut	29 - 8:00 p.m. Weekly Open Mic Night at The Hut	30 - 11:30 a.m. United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. Chamber Singers: Humor in Music Concert
1 - 7:00 p.m. Singers Acting Group - 9:00 p.m. Friday Night Movies at The Hut	2 - 1:00 p.m. Addmis- sions Acception Day	3 - Spring Semester Classes End - 6:00 p.m. Real Estate Pre-Liscence Courses	4 - Finals - 2:00 p.m. Chillin’ with the Canines	5 - Finals	6 - Finals - 6:00 p.m. Real Estate Pre-Liscence Courses	7 - Finals

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Silence speaks louder than hate

By NICK HARTRANFT
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Students at McGuffey high school made a viral sensation of themselves last week after the organization of a hateful demonstration known as "Anti-gay Day." The attack on LGBT students attending the high school was a direct retaliation to the school's Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) "Day of Silence" event.

The "Day of Silence" is a commemorative event for all LGBT victims of bullying. "[The students who participated in the Day of Silence] had a very silent, respectful day of action..." Kathy Cameron, chair of the board of directors of the Washington County Gay Straight Alliance, said in a BuzzFeed news article. The students showed their support by painting their faces with rainbow colors, wearing black or dark colors and staying silent throughout the school day.

But, unlike the student's who took part in the "Day of Silence," the students who engaged in the "Anti-gay Day" retaliation were not only disrespectful, but also morally deplorable.

The flannel-clad homophobes took it upon themselves to bully LGBT students and other non-affiliated students who supported the GSA event. They did this through written notes that quoted Bible verses, sporting a drawing of a cross and the words "anti-gay" on their hands, verbal assaults, calling students "faggots" and "dykes." The anti-gay students even were reported to have been resorting to physical attacks like pushing and

circulating a "lynch list" of "Silence Day" participants.

As a journalist, I believe that everyone has a right to voice her or his opinion. In the precedent case of *Tinker v. Des Moines*, The Supreme Court established that student's don't lose their First Amendment Rights when they enter school. Though, the adherence to the First Amendment is limited by school policy and measureable disruption of normal school functions. If the "anti-gay brigade" peacefully demonstrated their dissenting opinion, this would have been the fodder for educational debate – exploring the lives of two opposing groups. But instead, these students decided to be bigoted and aggressive. They disregarded the safety and security of GSA students all in the name of "Christianity" – or so they claimed.

The aspect of religion in their argument is absurd. They must have skipped over the Sunday school lesson about "The Golden Rule." Eva Doubravsky, a BuzzFeed commenter, jabbed "[that she] wonder[s] if they would protest against premarital sex with same enthusiasm." We see time and time again Faux-Christians push their homophobic agenda under the veil of a "moral crusade." In reality, these cafeteria Christians pick specific passages and distort them to push their own agendas. I highly doubt they would hold an "abstinence day" or "honor thy father and mother-athon."

What I find baffling is that there is no reporting on teacher intervention. I understand that the

majority of this hateful retaliation was facilitated online, but I am shocked that this went unnoticed or unpunished. Teachers have a moral obligation to ensure that students are safe and act as facilitators of learning. We constantly see LGBT spokespeople commenting in these stories, but the teachers are seemingly absent. I doubt the teachers promoted the bullying, but there seems to be an inappropriate lack of reaction on their behalf.

What also disturbs me is the school administration's unwillingness to hurry this issue and hold the participants accountable. Even though there has been a meeting between administration and the GSA, to which Zoe Johnson, a representative of the GSA, claimed was assuring and amicable. She says, "You could tell whose side they were truly on." But, what we see in news coverage is a persistent dodging for comment from the McGuffey administration. They release statements about investigating and gathering information. I have a hard believing their difficulty in finding guilty parties considering most of these students made the "bright" decision to post pictures of themselves on Instagram and other social media sites.

Perhaps the most reassuring view comes from local pastor and anti-bullying mentor, Mike Matthews, tells WXPI Pittsburgh News, that the advice he gives the bullies is there should be "no more counter-protests" and "just be who you are." Time and time again people try to tell others how to live but don't understand the individ-

ual struggles we all face. I believe we have a moral obligation to not speak on behalf of cultures we don't fully understand.

Different viewpoints are valuable because they cause us to analyze and reconstruct who we are. But when our opinions fester and become prejudices and we lash out at others for the way they live their life, we further create barriers. I am glad we are moving to a more accepting culture – the responses to this story have been overwhelmingly positive and supportive. But, as evidenced here, there is still a long road ahead before there is a better respect for and admiration of others' differences.

I am not advocating for "understanding" because full understanding requires experience and knowledge. People can't know and experience everything. But we should aspire to try and get glimpses of people's lives. These bullies thought they understood a culture different from their own, and tried to tear it apart. What is needed most is respect and caring for others regardless of how different they are from us. We need to find patience to be gentle and kind to all.

For more information please visit <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/pennsylvania-high-schoolers-organize-anti-gay-day-article-1.2192834> and <http://www.buzzfeed.com/davidmack/mcguffey-high-anti-gay-day#.cezNaPOXJ>

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The Continuing Story: Daisy and Daniel's Tragic Life

By **HEATHER RITTER**
Sports Editor

Daisy

"TEENS HAILED 'HEROS' AFTER SAVING HOSPITAL FROM SERIAL KILLER."

"Why do headlines always seem to scream at you?" I asked, holding the clipping between my thumb and forefinger. "In capitals like that?"

"It looks like when Jake's grandma is texting him," Daniel replied, chuckling. His face dropped to rage and he deadpanned, "JAKEY, DEAR, DID YOU FEED THE CATS. THEY LIKE MEOW MIX FOOD BRAND. LOVE HUGS AND KISSES." My shoulders shook with laughter, and he beamed at my childish giggling.

Things were almost back to normal. They never could be normal again—normalcy is a ridiculous concept, anyway. There was too much that happened; too much we saw, too much we did. In the end it would be torture to try to go back to things how they "used to be."

I flipped over the headline and applied curly q's of Elmer's glue. "Paper-me," I said without looking up.

Daniel slid the newspaper-themed scrapbooking paper towards me. I flipped the sticky piece of paper without spilling a drop and slapped it on to the scrapbooking. It looked like the title of the page. There was an empty box drawn onto the scrapbooking paper beneath it. I wanted to cut out the picture of Daniel and I—he in his hospital

gown, me at his bed side, beaming—and put it in the little frame.

"How does that look?" I asked him. He glanced over and nodded. "Perfect."

In that moment, with my life "flashing before my eyes" for the second time in three days, I could not have seen this moment. Sitting at our Uncle Phil's house. On his porch. Pollen dancing in the falling sunlight. Our baby cousins squealing in the yard. Daniel, whole, healed, sitting before me and smiling.

All I could think about when I saw JDU was how sorry I was.

What a life someone must live if all they wanted to do was hurt other people! A sad, sorry existence with little meaning or substance, surely. This sounds pious and holy, I know, but don't judge me till you're on your deathbed, okay?

I was profoundly disgusted with JDU, but simultaneously I pitied him. He boiled down to a waste—he was society's burden. The man who falls between the cracks, who is forced to do things no human should ever have to do. He would never receive anything he needed without a fight. Perhaps that's just the way of life.

When he grabbed me, I was so startled that I dropped the bar I'd picked up. My hands flew to my neck and my feet kicked. His grip tightened.

I shot my knee into his gut with all of my might. The air rushed out of his lungs in a noxious gasp.

For just a second, his hands went limp.

I yanked my head backwards and threw myself onto Daniel's bed. He tried to sit up,

but with one hand on his chest I pressed him down.

JDU was startled, struggling to regain his composure.

I threw my head back and let loose the shrillest scream I could manage.

"Do you think I could have broken glass?" I later asked Daniel, when my throat was no longer raw and bloody.

He had shrugged with his good shoulder and said, "I'm surprised you didn't break my eardrum."

My scream was enough for cops—and "Katie"—to hear me. Footsteps came running. Gun shots rang out. As JDU stumbled toward Daniel and I, I didn't stop. My dying word would have been one like, "Ahhh!"

But then JDU was facedown. They say that the policeman shouldn't have tackled him the way he did. It was an accident, I think. But when they rolled JDU over a few minutes later, it was clear he was dead. Katie was apprehended with several bullet wounds. She would rot in prison.

Daniel and I would heal. We would go home to flowers, our Aunt and Uncle (not really related to us—family friends who care about us enough to take us in). As I go on, I realize that this all sounds like a sappy Disney tween action flick.

I guess they have to get their inspiration from somewhere.

As the evening drew to a close, I finished up the page I was working on and stuck it on the counter to dry. Daniel helped me roll up my supplies and we made our way up to our bedrooms.

There was the ceremonious, "Night,"

a brief hug, and then we went our separate ways.

In a few days I would go back to my bakery.

In a few days Daniel would be headed back too, but he was thinking about college.

In a few days...

Days. I measured time in days because then I didn't have to think of years. I didn't think of my parents, or JDU. These days were filled with little steps and little goals.

I turned out my light and snuggled into bed. My sheets smelled like Fabreez—I love that stuff. I stared at the wall for a long time and hunkered down to shut my eyes.

My bed stands beneath my bedroom window. We are on the second floor, when I lay with my back towards the window, facing the door, I can see the shadows of the tree branches dancing on the wall. They look like arms bent in supplication, asking for alms. In the winter now, bear, they even look like knives.

Just before my lids met, I noticed something strange. The arms waved violently, back and forth on the wall, to get my attention. Almost like a large bird had landed on one of the branches outside—nothing to worry about.

I heard a soft clicking sound that pulled my eyes open again. The shadows were an odd lumpy shape now, and there was something cylindrical rising out and away from the lump. My first thought was, What kind of bird looks like that! But then—

Is that a gun?

Last Edition of Daisy and Daniel.

Book Review: Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver

By **MIRANDA SHULLER**
Features Editor

You would never know Before I Fall was one of Lauren Oliver's first novels!

To be honest, this book sat on my bookshelf for the longest time because the blurb did not sound very interesting to me. When I finally picked it up, I did not want to put it down which was a problem with finals week approaching so quickly.

It is about a popular girl in high school, Samantha Kingston, who has the perfect life, perfect boyfriend, perfect friends, perfect clothes. She was that stereotypical popular girl with no conscious. She did not feel bad about how she treated people or how she lived her life. When her life ended, she was able to reflect and it occurred to her that maybe she needed to change her life.

So, the novel begins with Samantha living her life. She is going about Valentines Day as she normally would: accepting flowers,

ignoring the cute nerdy guy who is crushing on her, and stepping on anyone who gets in the way of her perfect night. What is going to make it perfect, is that tonight is the night she is finally going to have sex with her long term boyfriend for the first time.

Well, she never gets there. Her friend drove drunk and Samantha died. Only, she didn't. She woke up, repeating the same day-Valentines. The same events happen over and over in the novel and Samantha knows she has to change something.

She attempts to repeat the day as she did first time, and then she gets to the point she does not care, she does as she pleases because she knows the day is going to repeat.

Then something changes, she begins to care about other people. She cares about her younger sibling, the nerdy boy, the girl getting cheated on, and all these other people in her life that Samantha barely ever looked at before the accident. People she barely knew existed, become the important people because she

realizes they have hard lives too and maybe they need help.

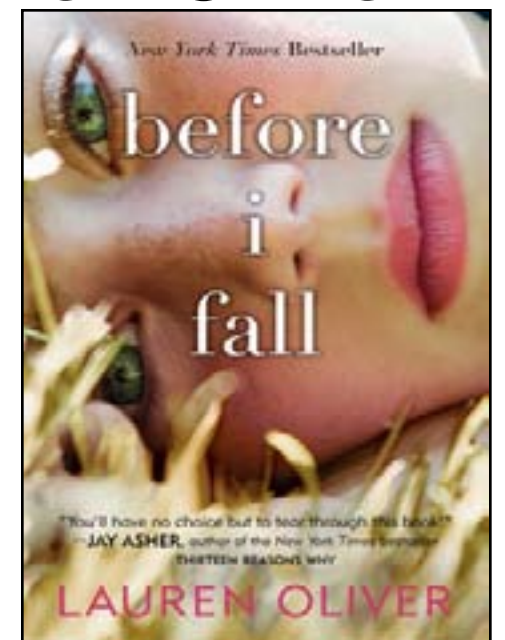
Slowly, she realizes that if she wants to end her nightmare, she has to be something big, something drastic. She tried to save herself, tried to save her friends, she did everything. In a cruel twist of fate, she has to save someone else. The who and the why are so intriguing and unexpected.

This book is one you cannot put down from the moment you pick it up. It is perfect for a summer read after finals week.

Samantha is very relatable. She teaches us that even though we all have problems, we have to be empathetic toward other people. Their lives could be worse than ours, so we should do our best to try to understand.

Samantha is a relatable character that deserves our attention as she repeats February 12 over and over as her life hangs in the balance.

Oliver's novel, Before I Fall, is one you do not want to miss.



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Before I Fall was published in of 2010.

PSECU Financial Corner: Summer month saving advice

By **EMILY SHOSH**
Staff Writer

Summer is a time for enjoying a break from the demands of the school semester and getting out in the sun, not a time for building debt. It can be tempting to book weekend getaways and vacations without a second thought, but it is important to consider how your summer spending will impact your finances in the long run.

To help you enjoy summer, without the pain that results from overspending, here are some suggestions for no- or low-cost activities that will maximize your fun and minimize your debt.

- Plan a staycation. If you can't afford to go out of town without getting yourself into debt, plan a staycation for yourself or friends. Oftentimes, we don't notice many of the interesting things in our own towns because we are so used to seeing them every day. Do an Internet search for where you live and see what others have noted as they travel through. Compile a list of some local attractions or landmarks and spend a day being a tourist in your own town.
- Look for free community events. Many communities offer free events to encourage residents to get outside. For example, some

townships or community centers offer free movie nights. Bring along a blanket and some snacks, and enjoy the entertainment for much less than the normal cost of tickets.

- Scout out free or low-cost concerts. Some public parks will host concerts for the public for either no cost or only charge a much reduced ticket price. Grab a friend and enjoy some live music in the beautiful summer weather.
- Plan a potluck-style picnic. Instead of paying high prices for meals at a restaurant, plan a lunch or dinner picnic with friends. Make it potluck-style so everyone contributes one dish to the meal.

Not having a menu in front of you will keep you from ordering food you don't really want or need. Plus, packing and bringing all the food yourselves will save you from paying service fees or gratuities. Just don't forget to be kind to the environment and clean up when you're done!

- Have a clothing swap with your friends. Are you bored with your wardrobe and tempted to buy all new summer clothes? Before you do that, reach out to friends to plan a date that you can all have a clothing swap. Set a number of items for each person to bring and take. Then clean out those clothes that you will probably never wear

again and trade them for some new-to-you clothing without the hefty price tags.

There are plenty of ways to save while still enjoying summer break. In addition to these ideas, don't forget to always ask stores or vendors if they offer a student discount. This can save you additional dollars with a simple flash of your student ID.

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Horoscopes

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ARIES

March 21 - April 19

Someone is looking for an intriguing influence or inspiration, and given your stature within the group, you could fit the bill perfectly. A surge of confident energy hits you either today or tomorrow, and it helps you realize how much influence you truly have. Important people are paying attention to you right now, and you might not be noticing how many questions they're suddenly asking. There are plans in the works -- and your name keeps popping up.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

If you've been waiting for a day when you can break loose and go a little nutty (in a good way, of course), today is the day! There's nothing holding you back from poking fun, having a laugh and playing a few pranks. The only thing you need to remember is that certain commitments need to be honored -- or your reputation might suffer. The balance between play and work is easy to manage today, especially since you'll get to sway the scales in the direction of fun.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

Stay on the straight and narrow today -- just because you see a shortcut doesn't mean you should take it. Today is all about keeping your head down, working hard and playing by the rules. Even though you've seen other folks get ahead by making deals and cutting corners, don't get the wrong idea. Cheaters never prosper -- the guilt alone will add so much stress to your life that any gains you make will be meaningless. You've got the skills and the drive, so why bother with the schemes?

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Regardless of the weather today, you may find yourself feeling shrouded in clouds. Your moodiness or blue feelings aren't anything to be worried about, however. This is a normal phase of darkness that will pass as soon as you get back in touch with the emotional stimulation you've been missing out on. New ideas and innovative ways of thinking will expedite this process, so expose yourself to creative expression as much as you can.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

Your mood may shift from time to time today, but that doesn't mean you won't get a lot of things done. In fact, a long-anticipated conversation will set you straight on some confusing matters, a small but meaningful goal will finally be met and a casual relationship will solidify into something more. Your feelings will be hard to pin down and your energy will be a bit erratic, but you'll end this day feeling content about the steps you've taken.

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

As soon as you wake up this morning, you'll be raring to go! Whether your to-do list is teeny-weeny or a mile and a half long, you'll be able to get everything done before sunset. Good work and a few lucky coincidences will save you a lot of time and prevent some pounding headaches. So what should you do with all the free time you'll have tonight? Whatever the heck you want. Go out for a night on the town, or watch a sappy movie. Your time will be your own.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

It may be time to say goodbye to something that's been in your life for a very long time (too long, in fact). You're moving into an exciting new phase of life, and to make the journey all the more successful, you need to drop off some old baggage and lighten your load. Admit to yourself that you have limitations, and don't be embarrassed if you never reached that one thing you were working for. Let go of something that once inspired you, but is now frustrating.

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Your temper might be quick to flare today, so try to prevent stressful situations before they happen. If you can, separate yourself from the rest of the crowd and try to do your work or study solo. If that's just not practical, keep your mind focused on your own priorities, and learn that when you argue with a fool, you're giving them too much credit. People who want to push your buttons are simply not worth your energy. If you're pushed, don't push back.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

You may wake up feeling like you're under a black cloud this morning, but try not to let your pessimistic side take over every aspect of today. Worry and concern will surround you, but there are a lot of positive -- even happy -- things you can focus on, so keep an eye out for them! Cheerful people will be able to lift your spirits very effectively, so surround yourself with the folks who make you smile -- not the ones who make you question your own abilities.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Today, if an unexpected cancellation happens, take it as a sign that you need to slow down -- because you definitely do! What's the rush, anyway? You've been running at full tilt for quite a while, but what you may not realize is that there's no deadline looming ahead that you need to be too worried about. Don't move according to someone else's schedule. Instead, go at a pace that enables you to feel relaxed and at ease with yourself. That's more important than anything else.

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

In this new push of yours to take more control over your future, don't forget that a big part of being industrious is calling upon other people to help you. While you certainly shouldn't depend on others to do things for you, there's nothing wrong with reaching out and using your connections. After all, if you don't use a connection, after a while you lose it. Call in a few favors, and be sure to make it clear to these folks that you know how to show the proper amount of gratitude.

PISCES

February 19 - March 20

The good news is that all of your plans are coming together nicely now, and everything is humming along without a hitch. The bad news is that with less to keep you busy, you have a greater weakness for distraction. The frivolous stuff will catch your eye and could keep you from staying on your toes. It's important to integrate entertainment and fun into your life, but you also need to maintain balance. Have fun, but stay alert.

Film Review: Director Morel disappoints fans in The Gunman

By EVAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Gunman by French director Pierre Morel, who is best known for the first Taken film, is a disappointing attempt at making another action film with an unexpected action star.

Taken was successful in making Liam Neeson an action star later in life. That reputation is something that continues to follow him and since then he really has not made that many decent films. However, the attempt by Pierre Morel to make Sean Penn an action star with The Gunman. He not only failed in making Sean Penn an action star but Pierre Morel also failed in making a decent action film or even a good action film.

The plot to The Gunman has been told so many times that not even decent actors like Sean Penn or Javier Bardem could save the recycled plot. The main character (Penn) was an assassin and did a job years ago that ended up with him going into hiding. Then years later the job catches up with him and he becomes the target. As usual, he has to kill a lot of people, save someone, and kill the bad guy. The only thing that makes The Gunman slightly different than most other action films are the actors.

Sean Penn, who has won two Academy Awards and was nominated for others, is at

the low point of his career in The Gunman. Penn is an excellent drama actor and even a decent comedy actor, at least he was in the 1980s, but the action genre is not something he should be attempting to get into later in his career.

Javier Bardem is also a great actor and excellent at playing villains. He actually won an Academy Award for his portrayal of Anton Chigurh in No Country for Old Men. His portrayal of a villain was one of the best in cinematic history. He also did an almost equally impressive job as the Bond villain in Skyfall. But despite his great acting skills, he could not save the stale plot of The Gunman.

More often than not, action films are saved by entertaining action sequences even if the actors involved are not that good at their job. Most action stars are sub-par actors that only have careers because they can draw an audience for some unknown reason. The actors that I mentioned above were actually the main reasons that made me interested in seeing it. But like I said before, the actors did nothing for the film. However, the films action sequences were as equally unimpressive as the actors.

The actions sequences in this film reminded me a lot of the action sequences in the Taken films. It deals with one middle-aged guy kicking a lot of ass that he should

not realistically be kicking. In real life, these men would end up in worse circumstances.

Seeing Sean Penn up against an unrealistic amount of enemies for one guy and then defeating them really was not as fun as you might think. It is just so dry and the actual action in the movie is just mostly gunplay mixed with threats and serious faces.

To put it simply, action films need a new draw in order to gain more viewers. Hiring decent actors in roles that they are overqualified for is not working as well as you might think and I really hope that Sean Penn sees that he should not be in action films because I really do not want his career to go down the toilet. It already needs plunger but I do not think it is gone, at least not completely.

Javier Bardem's career is not at the place it was a couple years ago but he is not close to being in the same spot as Sean Penn. If anything good could come from The Gunman, it should be a lesson on how not to do an action film. What this film does is the opposite of where action films should be going. They should be finding relatively new actors to turn into action stars and adding action sequences that have not been done to death.

The Gunman is not worth your time and it is a waste of money; you might as well flush it down the toilet with Penn's career.



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The Gunman premiered in March of 2015.

Word of the Week:

Gauche

Adjective [gohsh]

1. lacking social grace, sensitivity, or acuteness; awkward; crude; tactless.

Quote of the Week:

“Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people’s thinking. Don’t let the noise of others’ opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.”

~Steve Jobs

Lyric of the Week:

“So don’t you worry your pretty little mind
People throw rocks at things that shine.”

-Taylor Swift

Fact of the Week:

For every ‘normal’ webpage, there are five porn pages.

Recipe Column:

Brain Foods for Finals

By MIRANDA SHULLER
Features Editor

With finals week so close, panic sets in for students who wait until now to realize they are failing their classes.

Well fortunately for most of them, if they do well on the final it may save their grade. In order to ace their final, they must study aceptionally more than what they are used to studying. For some, this might mean cramming for their last exam the night before they take it or for others it means a week of intense study habits which do not include osmosis.

So, while studying in the middle of the night or for hours at a time, students need fuel for their bodies and their brains.

Check out these seven awesome foods to help you get through!

- 1) Avacados- high in potassium and stress-relieving B-vitamins
- 2) Tea- Perfect to settle your mind before bed.
- 3) Fish- you need to get those omega-3's!
- 4) Milk- The alternative to tea, but the same effects.
- 5) Yogurt- Helps relieve stress.
- 6) Nuts- Boosts your immune system so you can study, study, study!
- 7) Dark Chocolate- Lowers stress and improves moods

Sit down and have a snack while studying! Hope you ace that test!

**information courtesy of http://www.huffingtonpost.com/spoon-university/7-brain-foods-to-help-you_b_5358180.html



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Quashaun Jaquay Willis can run a mile in 4:35.09.

Track and field competes at Mountaineer Invitational

Mansfield track & field racked up 10 first place finishes Saturday night under the lights of Maxson track for the Mountaineer Invitational.

It marked the first collegiate night invitational in program history and was the first meet held since the complete renovation of Maxson Track starting in 2012.

During the meet, seniors Jenna Hoefer, Jake Portock and Nate Fox were honored as part of the Mountaineer's senior day ceremony.

Kelsey Carlsen hit a season best in the javelin and won the event with her attempt of 43 meters. The junior's throw currently ranks as the 17th best in NCAA Division II. Angel King took in the event with her throw of 32.36.

Freshman Charlie Bowen registered a height of 3.55 meters in the pole vault, which ranks as the third best mark in the PSAC this season.

Melanie Hartley took first in the 400-meter dash with her time of 1:01.62. On the men's side, Grant Nolan also won the 400, crossing the finish line at 53.91.

Freshman Tamara Kemp earned a win in the 800-meter run, clocking in with a time of 2:31.29. It was a 1-2 finish for Josh Tupper and Jake Portock in their 800 race with times of 1:58.27 and 2:03.09 respectively.

Destiny Foster and Jesse Jones each came away with wins in the mile. Foster finished at 5:19.88 with Jones turning in a time of 4:34.15.

Hoefer broke in the new hammer throw facility with her winning attempt of 44.5 meters. Rachel Hohenwarter was second in the shot put with her best attempt of 10.84 meters.

Shakim Blackwell turned in a second place finish in the 5,000-meter run with his time of 16:10.90. In the 400-meter hurdles, Jordan Boothe was second at 1:00.84.

Chris Carlsen finished third in both the long and triple jumps. Carlsen went 19-08.25 in the long jump and 39-09.75 in the triple.

Mansfield track & field will compete at the historic Penn Relays this weekend.

Mountaineer baseball wins senior night games against Lock Haven

The Mountaineers crushed five home runs on the day to win both games over Lock Haven with a score of 9-5, sweeping the four-game series and extending their win streak to six games Saturday afternoon on Senior Day at Shaute Field.

In the opener Lock Haven jumped out to 3-0 lead in the top of the first behind a three-run home run by Justin Sleigh.

Mansfield countered with two runs of its own in the bottom half of the inning when Taylor Hillson led off with a walk and later scored on Anthony Renz's towering two-run home run over the centerfield fence to close the gap to 3-2.

That score held until Mansfield tied the game in the bottom of the fourth inning when Zephan Kash singled and later scored on a single by Dave Glueck to tie the game at 3-3.

Lock Haven retook the lead with two runs in the top of the fifth on a two-run single by Mike Agosto giving the Bald Eagles a 5-3 advantage.

Mansfield closed the gap to 5-4 in the bottom half of the inning when Baylor drilled a solo shot over the left field fence.

After holding Lock Haven scoreless in the top of the sixth, Mansfield erupted for five runs in the bottom of the innings highlighted by a three-run home run by Eric Schanzenbacher along with two run home runs by Matt Kurelja to take a 9-5 lead.

Zach Sacoman came in relief in the seventh and shut Lock Haven down to preserve the win.

Glueck went 3-3 with an RBI for the Mountaineers while Schanzenbacher, Baylor, Renz and Kurelja each hit home runs. Luke Hils started and stuck out six over the first 4.1 innings before being relieved by senior Dan Harms who picked up the win.

In game two, Mansfield pushed a run across in the bottom of the first when Schanzenbacher scored from second on an error by the second baseman.

Lock Haven tied the game in its next at bat with Mike Agosto's RBI single before taking the lead in the third with RBIs by Sleigh and Price to hold a 3-1 advantage.

The Eagle's lead was short lived though as Mansfield tied the game in the bottom of the inning. Schanzenbacher singled through the left side before Baylor doubled in the gap to put a pair of runners in scoring position. Renz plated both runners with a single up the middle.

The Mountaineers opened the fifth inning with three straight singles to score a run and put runners on the corners. Renz scored on a wild pitch later in the inning before a Wes Custer sacrifice fly plated Eric Harms to put Mansfield on top 6-3.

In the sixth, Hillson and Schanzenbacher both reached with singles before Baylor crushed a three-run bomb over the centerfield



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In 2014, Scott Rockwell appeared in 16 games.

fence to put the Mounties on top 9-3. The homer was Baylor's second of the day and team-best eighth of the season.

Lock Haven pushed across to runs in the seventh, but was unable to rally for the win.

Jeremy Mapstone earned the victory on the mound for Mansfield, pitching 4.1 innings with five earned runs and five strikeouts.



Laura Lawson was too late--she was out!

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Mountaineer softball drops doubleheader to Lock Haven

Mansfield got strong pitching performances from Ashley Inman and Laura Knight but struggled to score runs in dropping a pair of close games at Lock Haven in a PSAC East doubleheader Sunday afternoon.

Mansfield lost the opener 2-1 despite a terrific effort from Inman and fell 3-0 nightcap with Lock Haven scoring all three runs in the final two at-bats in the nightcap.

In the opener, Lock Haven drew first blood when Nicole Smith doubled with one out and later score when she was ruled safe at the plate on a double steal.

Mansfield tied the game in the third when Rachel Sterner drew a walk to lead off the inning and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kayla Hahn. Laura Lawson then advanced to third on a wild pitch but the Mountaineers could push the go-ahead run across.

Lock Haven scored what proved to be the winning run in the bottom of the fourth off an error.

The Mountaineers had a chance to tie the game in the sixth when Courtney

Bauder led off with a double to left field but was stranded at third.

Inman, throwing her third complete game in three days, was strong in the circle striking out four and not allowing a walk.

Rachel Mouillessiaux picked up the win giving up just two hits and striking out nine.

In the nightcap, Knight allowed just two hits over the first four innings and held the Bald Eagles scoreless until the fifth inning when McKenna Garlock drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Lock Haven added two more in the bottom of the sixth on a double by Gabrielle Henson.

Mansfield tried to rally in the seventh when Amanda Goodwin and Taylor Chidester hit back-to-back singles with one out before Jessie Probst pitched her way out of the jam.

Chidester went 3-4 to lead the offense.

Mansfield will host Bloomsburg in a PSAC East doubleheader on Sunday at Helen Lutes Field starting at 2:30 p.m.

Westyn Baylor named PSAC East Co-Athlete of the week

Mansfield's Westyn Baylor has been named Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Eastern Division Co-Athlete of the Week after putting up some big offensive numbers for the Mountaineers.

Baylor hit .471 over a 10-game span this week, helping Mansfield to seven victories while extending his hit streak to 12 games. The senior posted four multi-hit games including three-hit games against Lock Haven and Kutztown.

Batting in the three-hole, Baylor drove in 13 RBIs over the week while crossing the plate 12 times himself. He hit three home runs in the series sweep of Lock Haven and added another in a win over Kutztown. Baylor also

drew seven walks.

Baylor owned an .882 slugging percentage and .548 on base percentage over the week.

Baylor ranks 7th in the conference in home runs (9), 10th in slugging percentage (.719) and 14th in batting average (.402).

Ryan McMillen of Shippensburg was also named Co-Player of the Week after going 13-for-25 (.520) at the plate with three home runs, four doubles, eight RBIs and nine runs scored. His 26 total bases gave him a 1.040 slugging percentage

Winners of seven of their last eight, the red-hot Mountaineers will play Penn Tech April 21 at historic Bowman Field in Williamsport.

April's Athlete of the Month



Westyn Baylor

Westyn is a senior Business Management major from Bangor, Maine. He transferred from Division I Radford University in Virginia. This is his second year playing baseball for Mansfield. He ended last season with a 13-game hitting streak--he was tied for the longest streak on the team.

Season Highs

- Hits - 3
- Doubles - 1
- Triples - 1
- Home Runs - 2
- Runs Scored - 3
- Runs Batted In - 6
- Bases Stolen - 1
- Putouts - 5

Have a suggestion for the *Athlete of the Month*? Send it to the sports editor at flashlit@mansfield.edu next semester!

Mountaineer baseball wins in 17-0 shutout

Jacob Molison hit an inside-the-park grand slam and Matt Engler fired a six-hit shutout to lead Mansfield to a 17-0 win over Kutztown in the nightcap of a PSAC East doubleheader Sunday afternoon at Shaute Field.

Mansfield dropped the opener 9-3. The Mountaineers, who have now won seven of their last eight games, scored early and often. They got a run in the second inning on a RBI double by Ryan Paige and adding four more in the third when Molison hit a towering fly ball to straight-away centerfield that went just beyond the reach of a leaping Kutztown centerfielder Brandon Martinez and off the top of the fence to clear the bases. Molison made it the rarest of events at Shaute Field when he slid under the tag at the plate for an inside-the-park grand slam.

Mansfield added seven more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning on a two-run home run by Wes Baylor followed by a solo home run by Anthony Renz. Paige hit a three-run home run two batters later to give the Mountaineers a 12-0 lead.

The Mountaineers kept up their torrid hitting-attack with four more runs in the fifth inning with Taylor Hillson driving in the first on a run-scoring single followed by back-to-back



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Jacob Mollison transferred to Mansfield from Harford Community College.

doubles by Baylor and Renz to plate three more runs. It was the third home run in two days for Baylor, giving him nine on the season.

Mansfield scored its final run in the sixth when Dalton Lewis picked up an RBI after drawing a bases-loaded walk.

Engler put on a commanding performance in picking up his first win of the season. The senior scattered six hits while striking out seven and walking two. He didn't allow a runner to advance beyond second base and struck out five batters over the final two innings including

striking out the side in the sixth. Eric Schanzenbacher and Molison each had three hits in the game with Molison driving in four runs along with Paige. Renz and Baylor both homered and drove in three runs.

Mansfield rapped out a season-best 16 hits in the game while the 17 run margin of victory was the most since a 21-3 win over Lake Erie College in 2010.

In the opener, Kutztown jumped out to an early lead with three runs in the top of the first off of Mansfield's Alec Covel with two of those runs coming off a home run by Matt Armour.

Covel settled down later in the game striking out a season-best seven batters in 5.2 innings worked but was charged with the loss.

Mansfield got its first run when Schanzenbacher led off the fourth inning with a home run over the left field fence and got two more in the seventh when Dave Gueck doubled and was doubled home by Scott Rockewll. Schanzenbacher drove in the final run on a fielder's choice.

Matt Swarmer went the distance for Kutztown striking out nine to pick up his fifth win of the season.

Zephan Kash and Rockwell each had two hits for Mansfield.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
24 -Women's and men's track at Penn Relays -Softball v. East Stroudsburg Uni @ 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. -Baseball v. Millersville Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m.	25 -Women's and men's track at Penn Relays -Softball v. Shippensburg Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m. -Baseball v. Millersville Uni @ 1 & 3 p.m.	26 -Women's and men's track at Big Red Invitational -Softball v. Bloomsburg @ 1 & 3 p.m.	27	28	29 -Baseball v. PSAC Championship	30 -Baseball v. PSAC Championship -Softball v. PSAC Championship -Women's and men's track PSAC Outdoor Championships
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